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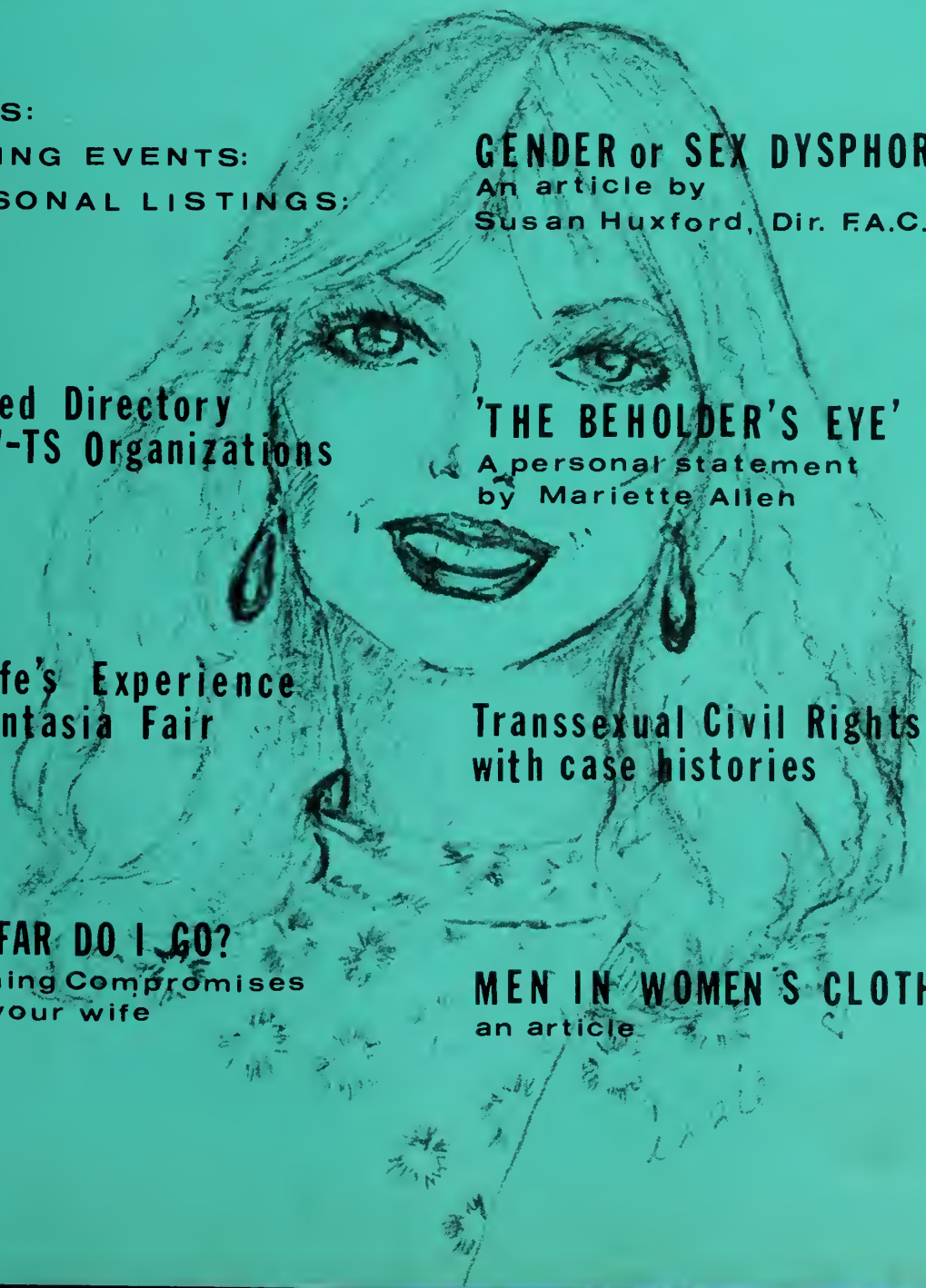

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TV TS TAPESTRY STATEMENT

We ('we' meaning the Tapestry, other TV-TS publications, and TV-TS organizations both non-profit and commercial) are in business to serve our people. 'Our people' include members of the TV-TS Community ('our' Community) and their families and friends. They include the commercial and professional people who serve our Community and those persons who by way of circumstance are affected by our Community. No one person, no one magazine or organization or commercial or professional project can, or should try to do the job alone.

The 'over-all scheme of things' refers to every aspect of the TV-TS Community, family, friends, helping professionals, etc. (what some people would call the 'paraculture'). What is most important is that every individual person in a responsible leadership position first acknowledge that we must all work together, and second recognize our respective organizations' and projects' niche in the over-all scheme of things.

Any individual that acknowledges we must work together, and recognizes his or her niche in the over-all scheme of things is an asset. Anyone who does not, is a liability.

The Tapestry exists to serve! It exists to help the various leaders and organizations do a better job serving their respective constituencies. It exists to provide accurate and up-to-date information, education, communications, entertainment, and social opportunities to anyone who wants and needs it. The Tapestry exists to help people.

In order for the Tapestry to be the most effective publication possible we must have accurate and up-to-date information, and interesting, educational, and entertaining material. Although much of our magazine's information and material come from individual contributors, the primary source is the publications of other organizations. These individuals are not only an asset to the Tapestry, they are an asset to their respective organizations, and to all. By region, these individuals and organizations are:

Tiffany Club: (MA, Merissa Lynn Exec Sec, Pub. 'TV-TS Tapestry')
Outreach Institute: (MA., Ariadne Kane Dir, Pub. 'Outreach Newsletter')
Albany TVIC: (MA, Michelle Bolis Pres., Pub. 'TVIC Journal')
Halcyon Society: (RI, Janet B. Pres., Pub. 'Keeping In Touch')
XX Club: (CT, Rev. Canon Jones Adv., Pub. 'bulletin')
The TV Set: (CT, Harriet Lane Pres., Pub. 'The TV Set')
Chi Delta Mu Chapter Tri-Ess: (NY, M.J. Moran Pres., Pub. 'Our Special Joy')
Better Living Institute: (NY, Joyce Dewhurst Dir., Pub. 'bulletin')
Lee's Mardi Gras: (NY, Lee Brewster Pres., Pub. 'bulletin')
Tania Volen, Inc.: (NJ, Fred Barry Pres., Pub. 'The Transvestian')
Sue Hall Enterprises: (NJ, Sue Hall Pres., Pub. 'Mini Skirt News')
Neptune Productions: (NJ, Betty Johnson Ed., Pub. 'FI News')
NEPA Chapter GGA: (PA, Kathy Hivish Pres., Pub. 'NEPA Newsletter')
Betty Ann Lind, Linda Walker, Michelle Williams: (Mid-Atlantic, Pub. 'Our Sorority')
Fantasies In Lace: (FL, Terri Richards Pres., Pub. 'Fantasies')
Success Chapter GGA: (FL, Susan Armstrong Pres., Pub. 'Newsletter')
Paradise Club: (OH, Rene Kessel Pres., Pub. 'Paradise Tales')
Crossroads Chapter: (MI, Grace Bacon Pres., Pub. 'Crossroads Chatter')
Windy City Chapter GGA: (IL, Sharon Hart Pres., Pub. 'bulletin')
Chi Chapter Tri-Ess: (IL, Mary Ann Broer Pres., Pub. 'Chi Tribune')
Wisconsin Network: (WI, Dee Dailey Pres., Pub. 'Network News')
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Lonnie Nehring Pres., Pub. 'Spectrum')
CHIC: (CA, Irene Ellis Sec., Pub. 'CHIC Clippings')
Joanna M. Clark: (CA, Pub. 'ACLU Transsexual Rights Committee News')
Renaissance: (CA, Joanna M. Clark Pres., Pub. 'Renaissance')
Society for the Second Self: (CA, Carol Beecroft Pres., Pub. 'Femme Mirror')
Shangri-La Club: (CA, Nancy Watson Pres., Pub. 'bulletin')
Gateway Gender Alliance: (CA, Georgia Saunders Pres., Pub. 'Phoenix')
Northwest Chapter GGA: (OR, Ellen S. Sec., Pub. 'NWGGA Newsletter')
FACT/GenderServe: (Canada, Susan Huxuxford Dir., Pub. 'Gender Review')
MMRF: (Canada, Rupert Raj Dir., Pub. 'Metamorphosis')
Transvestites Au Montreal: (Canada, Christine R. Pres., Pub. 'The Garter Press')
Elizabeth Club: (Japan, Chikako Ishihikawa Ed., Pub. 'Queens')
Beaumont Society: (England, Alice Purnell Pres., Pub. 'BeauMag')

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

The organizations and individuals serving as information distribution centers are responsible for being familiar with the various services and organizations available in their given area. This information is to be distributed in accordance with the needs of the inquirer and not the private orientation of the organization or individual. *Please note that not all organizations listed in the Service or Social listings are willing or able to serve as general information distribution centers.

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TIFFANY CLUB Information distribution throughout the New England area. Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

THE OUTREACH INSTITUTE Information distribution throughout New England. The Outreach Institute, Kenmore Sta. Box 368, Boston MA 02215 617-277-3454

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY Information distribution for Greater Boston. Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston MA 02134

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Information distribution for New England, specializing in transsexualism. The XX Club, Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE Information distribution for the New York City Area. B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

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MS SHARON RENEE HART Information distribution for Chicago area. Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 312-472-4518

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RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Information distribution for Southern California area. Renaissance, Box 11341, Santa Ana, CA 92711 714-836-1803

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Information distribution for Northern California area. GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-678-0609

NORTHWEST CHAPTER Information distribution for Oregon/Washington area. Northwest Chapter, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

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FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Information distribution throughout Canada. FACT, Box 291 Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

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THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Information distribution for Australia. The Seahorse Club of Australia, Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia

ORGANIZATIONS

SERVICE

THE HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit corporation whnse purposes and objectives are educational. Outreach works predominantly with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance & Counseling, Therapy, Medicine, Law & Law Enforcement, Nursing and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network). seminars & workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning growth experience for crossdressers, transsexuals and androgynes hnth male and female), and a book and publication service. (Outreach's catalog of hooks and reprints is available for $3.00).

Security: Outreach's programs are strictly non-sexual and sophisticated. All participants at any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

THE CENTER FOR BECOMING 35 Chester St., Allston MA 02134 (617)568-0680, or 136 Causeway St., Hudson MA 01749

Nature: 'The Center For Becoming' is a gender identity clinic serving the crossdressing/transsexual/androgyne nopulation of New England and the Northeast.

Services: The Clinic offers evaluation, group and individual counseling and therapy, and therapy for family and friends. The Clinic uses a new course of therapy - ONTOSYNTHESIS - through which all client/patients can determine beyond all doubt the truth about their gender and sexuality ;and come to a deep and lasting inner peace with their masculine and feminine principles and their ways of being.

Security: Total discretion, anonymity and protection prevailes in all circumstances.

CONFIDE - PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES INC. Box 56,Tappan NY 10983, 914-359-8860 or 914-997-1013, offices in Tappan NY and Hartsdale NY

Nature: Confide runs a therapy group in Tappan, comprising transsexuals, transvestites and persons who are trying to find themselves on the gender spectrum.

Services: Confide is a private service offeriang counseling, therapy, hypnosis and hypnotherapy, with a large proportion of our practice dealing with gender proahlems. Private therapy sessions are held witha Garrett Oppenheim PhD FIC, thedirector, while Fae Robin, the co-director, offers coaching in grooming, manners, poise, makeup, shopping, etc. Dr. Oppenheim evaluates candidates for hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery and makes referrals at the appropriate time.

Security: Membership in the group is contingent on a 1 1/2 hour screening session with Dr. Oppenheim.

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Box 11341, Santa Ana CA 92711 714-836-1803

Nature: Renaissance is a referral, information, educational and support service for crossdressers, transsexual persons, and other lifestyle groups.

Services: 'Renaissance Update' (a quarterly newsletter), research library, educational services, lecture bureau, professional and peer counseling services, and a hotline and referral service with local and nationwide referrals.

Security: Membership is open to all sincere, interested persons.

JANUS INFORMATION FACILITY 1952 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94088

JANUS provides a general basic information package in printed form for the transsexual. A $25.00 donation is requested.

METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W-1P4

Nature: Metamorphosis serves the Female to Male transsexual (gender dysphoric male).

Services: To provide research and information relevant to the 1F-M TS, to raise funds for research, to counsel the F-M TS, to educate the professional, para-professional and lay public on gender and sexual dysphoria, to provide peer support, and work cooperatively with other clinics and support groups.

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: FACT is a non-prnfit suppnrt organization for transsexuals, relatives and friends nf transsexuals, professionals and para-professionals working in th field of gender dysphoria and others prepared to support the aims nf the Foundation.

Services: Information distributinn concerning transsexualism. Publishes 'Gender Review', a periodical news sheet. Offers peer support and peer counselling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representataives wherever pnssible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others. FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at 519 Church St. Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Enquire to head office for other meetings.

Security: No screening for members or subscribers to 'Gender Review'. Meetings of FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at the '519 Community Centre'. Local groups establish their own security procedures, e.g. FACT Niagra meetings are by invitation only.

GENDERSERVE box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: Counselling education and research services, registered in Ontario as a proprietorship and operating as a non-profit organization serving TSs TVs and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexuals, wives, friends and relatives. Services for a nominal fee (to cover expenses). Enquiries hy mail or phone. No collect calls. The proprietor has screened a number of professional organizations in the USA.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling is requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or telephone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/TV and other mass media interviews hy arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request. Publishes booklets and papers of a professional counselling nature (reviewed in SIECUS Report). Public education hy articles, etc. for press release. Role-playing and simulation exercises.

Security: At present screening is required for initial personal counselling, as this is done at home and not in an office. An introduction from a known trustworthy source is required or a personal encounter in a public place (usually a public library). GENDERSERVE is selective in the publications with which it relates.

SOCIAL

INTERNATIONAL

TIFFANY CLUB Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

Nature: The Tiffany Club is a non-profit non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in crossdressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends. Tiffany has an international membership in excess of 400, welcomes all mature and responsible persons, and emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security and peace-of-mind of all. Tiffany also works cooperatively with and in support of all non-profit organizations and services working on behalf of the TV/TS Community.

Services: The Tiffany Club publishes the TV/TS Tapestry. (The Tapestry is a magazine designed to be the communications link between the non-profit organizations, services, and information distribution centers serving the TV/TS Community. It contains articles, referrals, club reports, coming events and personal listings.) Tiffany also maintains a private facility near Boston (providing privacy, storage, a library, boutique, overnight accomodations and a hostelry for qualified travelers), and a balanced program of social and educational activities (casual get-togethers, parties, beauty courses, nights on the town, vacations, etc.) Tiffany also maintains a support group for transsexuals, a support group for wives, and provides a hotline for information distribution, and referrals.

Security: Tiffany places no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to the 'Tapestry'. However, if a person wishes to use Tiffany's facilities or attend a Tiffany function, that person must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to

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ensure that the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's security requirements and code of conduct.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-734-3773 after 6pm (PST)

Nature: GGA is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends. GGA has chapters in several areas of the U.S. and Canada, but does not require that members of a local chapter be members of the national organization. Membership must be open to all crossdressers and transsexuals, both male-to-female and female-to-male, regardless of their sexual preferences, practices or orientation.

Services: GGA provides a correspondence directory, identification card, a monthly magazine (The Phoenix), peer counseling, a hot line, and chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. The chapters are:

San Francisco Chapter, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088
San Jose Chapter, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088
Santa Rosa Chapter, 707-575-1967
Capitol Chapter (DC-Baltimore area) Box 218, Burtonsville MD 20730
Success Chapter, Box 1601, Pinellas Park, FL 33565
Windy City Chapter, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690
New York City Chapter, Suite 601 157 W 57th St, New York NY 10019
Northwest Chapter, Box 13173, Portland, OR 97213
Pi Chapter, (Pittsburg area) Box 576, Export, PA 15632
PGH Chapter, Box 16080, Pittsburgh PA 15242
PHI Chapter, Box 322, Collingswood NJ 08108
NEPA-GGA, (Northeast PA) c/o Kathy Kivish, Box 268, Dallas, PA 18612
NU Chapter, (Northern NJ) Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960
Galveston/Houston Chapter, 713-763-6227
Delta Chi Chapter, Box 11254, Lincolnia Sta, Alexandria VA 22312
Hamapton Roads Chapter, S-180, Box 2400, Virginia Beach VA 23452
Vancouver Chapter, 2073-3 E 27th Ave, Vancouver, BC Canada V5N-2W7
Toronto Chapter 416-298-7540

Security: Security is the responsibility of the local chapters. Usually the requirement is a meeting with the chapter president prior to coming to a meetiang to ensure understanding of GGA objectives and code of conduct.

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Nature: Tri Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondence directory, of commercial services, a magazine (The Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the U.S. Chapters include:
Alpha Chapter (Los Angeles) c/o Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Sigma Delta Chapter (San Francisco) c/o Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Chi Delta Mu Chapter (NY, NJ, CT) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Poughkeepsie NY 12602
Chi Chapter (Chicago) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018

Security: Membership in Tri Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure they are heterosexual and will comply with the Tri Ess code of conduct.

SHANGRI-LA CLUB Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

Nature: Shangri-La is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers. Shangri La places emphasis on friendship and security.

Services: Shangri-La provides a bi-monthly newsletter (Le Femme), membership directory, identification card, free mail forwarding, reduced rate invitation to regional events,a commercial services directory, and a manual on how to form local chapters. Shangri La sponsors two major events, the 5-day Spring Shangri La (Biloxi), and June Shangri La (Southern California). Shangri-La has local chapters throughout the U.S.:

Los Angeles/Orange County Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
San Diego/Oceanside Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
San Antonio/Houston Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Mobil Alabama Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Chicago Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
St. Louis Chapter: c/o Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

Security: Prospective members are interviewed by Nancy Watson or officers of the local chapters.

REGIONAL

NORTHEAST

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

Nature: Halcyon is a friendship and support group for persons from the Rhode Island area interested in 'tasteful' crossdressing. Although affiliated with Tiffany Club, we are basically a 'neighborhood' group and work accordingly.

Services: Halcyon provides informal get-togethers twice a month allowing people a chance to meet with friends who understand the needs of people inclined to crossdress. Periodic newsletter, membership rumpus room and whatever activities planned by the membership at large.

Security: Only written inquiries are accepted. Once received and evaluated a standard information package is sent out along with an arranged meeting with someone already in membership. If the person making the inquiry appears to fit our standards, he/she is invited to attend a Society function. If the person's actions and deeds are consistent, the person is invited by the entire membership to join our ranks. Common sense prevails.

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY Box 66, Allston MA 02134 617-254-7389

Nature: Mayflower is a membership organization open to TVs, friends and relatives. The approximately 20 members consist of some who are heterosexual, bisexual, some submissive, B&D, etc. Care is taken that broader interests are not imposed on those who do not wish to participate. Supportive environment emphasizing respect for the individual and security for all.

Services: Mayflower maintains an apartment with a library, private mail boxes, storage, casual get-togethers once a week, and parties once a month.

Security: A candidate for membership must meet with Kay Campbell or Neil Moses prior to joining. Write: Neil Moses, Secretary Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston MA 02134, or call: Kay Campbell (evenings or weekends) or Neil Moses (5-6 weekdays) 617-254-7389

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (information: George W. Henry Foundation 203-522-2646)

Nature: The XX Club is a non-profit, non-sexual, social-educational-medical-outreach organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested or involved with the crossdressing community.

Services: The XX Club has a monthly newsletter, and holds 2 meetings each month (the 2nd and 4th Saturday). The meetings include educational and medical programs, outreach work and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, etc.

Security: We place no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However, if an individual wishes to attend our meetings, that person must meet and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the individual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions or meetings respect our anonymity.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 203-288-1166

Nature: Harriet Lane's is a social membership and guest club for all persons interested in crossdressing. TSs, relatives and friends welcome. The TV Set has 65+ active members with over 400 guests per year.

Services: Private home on dead end street, parties twice a month on 2nd & 4th Sat. - buffet - open bar or BYOB w/setups. Members may store clothes, and visit during the week. A newsletter every three months containing club dates, past parties & referrals of other clubs and coming attractions plus places to purchase femme wear. Overnight accomodations for qualified TVs, TSs and friends. Live-in cosmetologists.

Security: Security precautions are very mild to the point of a phone call to Harriet Lane for screening. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated - all

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participants at both parties will conduct themselves as ladies & gentlepersons. Treat all ladies & TV ladies as you would your mother or sister or daughter. With respect!!

ALBANY TVIC William Thordsen, 1104 Broadway, Albany NY 12204 518-434-8806

Nature: TVIC is a non-profit non-sexual social orgainzation with an open membership policy. TVIC makes a special point of encouraging wives. TVIC has a membership in excess of 500.

Services: TVIC provides a monthly newsletter (TVIC Journal), a library, and monthly dinner parties.

Security: TVIC places an emphasis on friendship, good manners and common sense. Screening is done by the President of TVIC, and qualified members.

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: The BLI is a non-profit non-sexual social organization for novice and accomplished crossdressers. The emphasis is on novice crossdressers. Most programs are geared for the novice. Accomplished crossdressers serve as our staff at meetings. The BLI is an educational arm of Joyce Dewhurst Parties, but both are separate and distinct.

Services: The BLI provides very informal get-togethers, beauty courses and a variety of social and educational events.

Security: No screening or security requirements. If, however, you do not meet our very liberal standards you will be so advised. This has happened only four times in five years.

JOYCE DEWHURST 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: Strictly social. Open to anyone interested in the crossdressing scene.

Services: Joyce Dewhurst sponsors frequent parties and debutante balls in NYC, and weekend outings to the Poconos in May and September.

Security: No screening or security requirements.

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Pougkeepsie NY 12602

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.

Services: Get-togethers the 3rd Saturday of each month in either Northern New Jersey or Southern Westchester County NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have 27 paid members, and have been in existence for over two years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

SUE HALL ENTERPRISES Box 74, Changewater, NJ 07831

Nature: For TV Swingers.

Services: Sue Hall publishes 'The Mini-Skirt News' (a newsletter for TV Swingers with a readership in excess of 1700), has in-house parties every Monday, and has a commercial boutique.

Security: No particular security requirements, but dangerous or irresponsible people are not welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER (GGA) Kathy Hivish, Box 268, Dallas PA 19612, 717-675-2585 weekdays 5 to 10pm, weekends 10 to 10.

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

Services: Publishes a monthly newsletter featuring Chapter news, other regional para-culture events, reprints of clipping from newspapers, etc; meetings feature speakers on topics relative to our paraculture; referrals in Northeast Pennsylvania to understanding businesses and professionals; wife is willing to write or talk to other wives.

Security: Private interview with Chapter president.

NYC CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

PI CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

NU CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

PGH CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

PHI CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

MID ATLANTIC, SOUTHEAST

ACADEMY AWARDS Mr. Carl Rizzi, 1014 S. Quebec St. A-9, Arlington VA 22204

Nature: Drag-Gay, with an emphasis on the performing arts.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

DELTA CHI CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

CAPITOL CHAPTER: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

SUCCESS CHAPTER (GGA): Susan Armstrong, Box 1601, Pinellas Park, FL 33656

MIDWEST, SOUTH-CENTRAL

PARADISE CLUB Box 17032, Cleveland OH 44117

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support (especially for wives). Paradise has approximately 90 members with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and every other month sponsors a meeting with a catered dinner, and usually a special function such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, etc. Paradise also sponsors informal socials during the months between regular meetings.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings, with concurrence of officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

CROSSROADS CHAPTER Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship and support and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter), and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. Crossroads provides referrals to other organizations nationwide, and helping professionals in the Great Lake area. Crossroads also investigates agencies, businesses and organizations, and does considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA) (Chicago) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS) (Chicago) See 'Society for the Second Self'

WISCONSIN TV NETWORK Ruthann Moskowitz, Box 813, Madison WI 53701

Nature: The TV Newtork is a non-profit non-sexual social and educational organization.

Services: The TV Network publishes a newsletter (Upper Midwest TV Times), sponsors social and educational functions, and provides information distribution for the Upper Midwest.

Security: All attendees must protect the security and peace of mind of all. Mature and responsible persons welcome.

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY Box 27795, Denver CO 80227

Nature: M.R.S. is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy. M.R.S. emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security of all. M.R.S. welcomes all mature and responsible people.

Services: M.R.S. publishes a newsletter, sponsors frequent social events, and provides information distribution for the inter-mountain area.

Security: Private interview with a qualified representative of the Mountain Rose Society.

SOUTHWEST, NORTHWEST

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 213-249-2442

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local

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Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: CHIC sponsors meetings, parties, monthy dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, etc. CHIC publishes a monthly newsletter (CHIC Clippings), and sponsors educational programs for the public.

Security: CHIC meetings are closed - members only and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members as well as the hostess if a home meeting. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the membership committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

ALPHA CHAPTER (TRI ESS) See 'Society for the Second Self'.

SCYROS CHAPTER (SHANGRI LA) Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

THURSDAY IRREGULARS (San Jose) By request, inquiries concerning the Thursday Irregulars are to be forwarded by the Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778.

Nature: Social interaction of non-paranoid trans-gendered considerate people. The primary emphasis is on friendship, information dissemination and public relations.

Services: The Irregulars provide businessmen's lunches and meeting places for social functions.

Security: Prospective members will meet with a club representative (as men) at a luncheon or party. Discrete, considerate people are invited to return. Addresses and phone numbers are left to the discretion of the individual only.

SALMACIS 1409 Garden St., Glendale CA 91201 213-241-9093

Nature: Salmacis is a social group with open get-togethers in a private house the second Saturday of each month.

Services: Maintains a hot line, open house once a month, pass on any information we have - also will provide someone to talk to.

Security: No special security requirements.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (GGA) Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function each month. The days vary in order to allow all of our girls to attend as often as is possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

CANADA

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS) Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G-2N1

Nature: TAMS is a non-profit non-sexual social organizations with an open membership policy.

Services: TAMS publishes a newsletter (TAMS & Tissues),and has frequent social get-togethers.

Security: No particular requirements stated, but participants are expected to protect the security of all.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER (GGA) See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

FOREIGN

BEAUMONT SOCIETY Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Beaumont sponsors evening and weekend functions, provides counseling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont also publishes two bi-monthly magazines, "The Beaumont Bulletin" which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, etc., and "Beaumag" which contains fictional, biographical or autobiographical stories. Beaumont also provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral to other organizations.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

ELIZABETH CLUB Ant Trading Co., Sakata Building, 1-12 Iwamoto-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, etc. for members. The Elizabeth Club also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every other month. The magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney, 2000, Australia

Nature: Seahorse Club is a non-profit social organisation for transvestites and families. Membership of approximately 150, welcomes new members, overseas visitors and offers support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership.

services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, being femme bymeans of a monthly newsletter to members and publishes the magazine "Feminique" on a regular basis. Meetings are held in sydney on the last Friday of each month (except December, when the meeting is the 2nd or 3rd Friday). Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, etc.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of the meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members require screening in the same way and overseas visitors need to be either screened or have necessary accreditation from a similar organization (e.g. Beaumont Society, Tiffany's).

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COMING EVENTS

CALANDER OF MAJOR EVENTS, 1984

2/10-11 Acadamy Awards' Miss Universe Pageant (Wash. DC)
2/11 Phi Chapter's Valentine's Party (South NJ)
2/18 Tiffany Club's Valentine's Party/Raffle (Eastern MA)
2/29 Lee Brewster's Party (NYC)
3/2-4 Chi Chapter's Weekend Outing (Michigan)
3/10 Outreach Institute's Hasty Pudding Benefit (Boston)
3/10 Tiffany Club's Outreach Benefit Buffet Supper (Eastern MA)
3/17 Tiffany Club's St. Patrick's Party (Eastern MA)
3/17 Phi Chapter's St Patty's Party (Southern NJ)
3/24 Outreach Institute's Wive's Workshop (Boston)
3/29 Lee Brewster's Party (NYC)
4/14 Joyce Dewhurst's Birthday Party (NYC)
4/21 Tiffany Club's Spring Open House (Eastern MA)
4/25-29 Shangri-La (Biloxi MS)
4/27 Lee Brewster's Party (NYC)
4/27-28 Acadamy Awards' Banquet (Washington DC)
5/12 Phi Chapter's Rites of Spring Party (Southern NJ)
5/18-20 Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend (Northeast PA)
5/30-6/4 Tiffany Club's Provincetown Outing (Cape Cod MA)
6/8 Outreach Institute's Workshop/Symposium with AASCT/SSSS (Boston)
6/21-24 Shangri-La West (Southern CA)
10/12-21 Fantasia Fair (Cape Cod MA)

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TIFFANY CLUB (Open, non-sexual) Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575

Open Meetings: Casual get-togethers 7pm each Tuesday and Saturday

Business Meetings: 8pm, 4th Saturday of each month. General and Key members are encouraged to attend.

Sundays: Evenings out on the town. Patricia Anne Ashley, organizer

Raffle: 9 P.M., Saturday, February 18. Annual raffle to help off-set the winter maintainance bills for the facility. (See 'Bulletin Board' for details)

Valentine's Party: 7 P.M., Saturday, February 18

Accessories Class: 7 P.M., Wednesday, February 29

Buffet Supper: 9 P.M., Saturday, March 10

This supper is in conjunction with Outreach Institute's 'Hasty Pudding' Benefit and included in the price for the Benefit. However, those not able to attend the Benefit may still attend the Supper. Call Tiffany for details.

St. Patrick's Party: 7 P.M., Saturday, March 17

Make-up Class: 7 P.M., Wednesday, March 28

Transsexual Support Group: 8 P.M., Saturday, April 7

Spring Clean-up: All day, Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15

Spring Open House: All day, Saturday, April 21

Comportment Class: 7 P.M., Wednesday, April 25

4th Annual Provincetown Outing: May 30 thru June 4

3, 4, and 6 day packages available. (See 'Bulletin Board' for details)

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MAYFOWER SOCIETY: (Boston, sexual alternatives) Box 66, Allston MA 02134 (617)254-7389

Meetings: The weekly meeting usually begins at 7pm each Friday night.

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The exception is on the week before the monthly party the meeting is on Wednesday rather than Friday.

Parties: Last Saturday of each month.

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ALBANY TVIC: (Boston, non-sexual) Michelle Ann Bolis, P.O. Box 320, Somerville, MA 02144

Meetings: 3rd Saturday each month (except July and August)

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HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND: (Rhode Island, open, non-sexual) Occupant, Box 143, N. Kingston RI 02852

Meetings: Last Saturday evening of each month, and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month.

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HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: (Connecticut, open) Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203)288-1166

Parties: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is non-sexual, and the 4th Saturday anything goes. $10 per person, $15 per couple, food served, cash bar.

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XX (TWENTY) CLUB: (Connecticut, transsexual support) XX Club, Box 6070 Sta. 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (203)522-2646

Meetings: 2pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

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OUTREACH INSTITUTE: (Educational) Outreach Institute, Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston MA 02215 (617)277-3454

Outreach Theatre and Dinner Benefit: Saturday, March 10

Donation: $50.00

Wive's Workshop: March 24

Registration deadline: March 14

Workshop/Symposium on Cross-Gender Behaviors: June 8

The Workshop/symposium is an all-day affair, sponsored by Outreach in conjunction with the national meetings of AASECT and SSSS.

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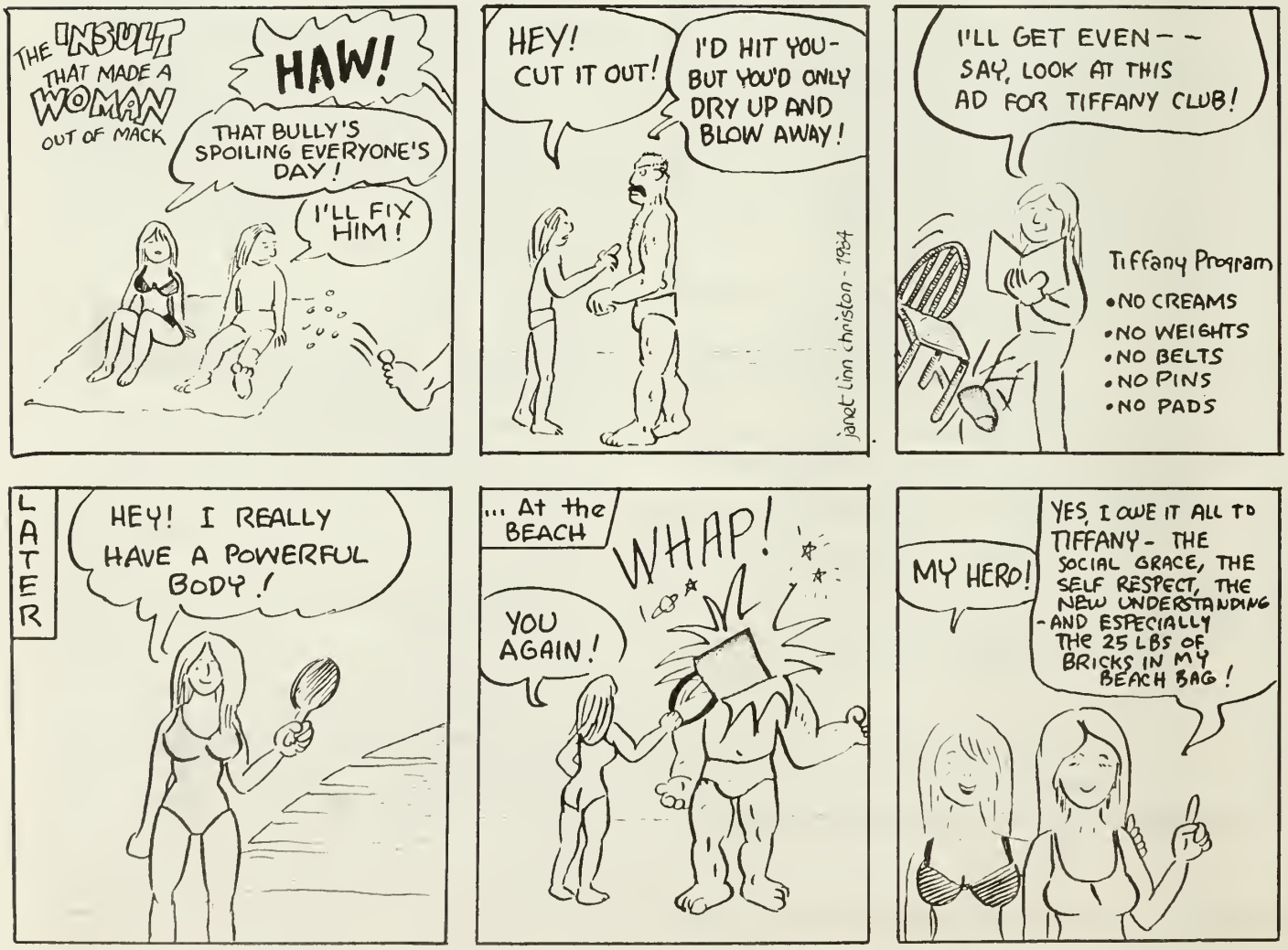

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Fantasia Fair: October 12 - 21 in Provincetown MA

NEW YORK

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NYC GGA CHAPTER: (Open, non-sexual) Muriel Olive, 157 W 57th St., Suite 601, NYC NY 10019 (212)582-6823

Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month

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JOYCE DEWHURST, BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE: (NYC, open, parties, special programs) B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212)335-3048

All-Night Party: 11:30 P.M., Saturday, January 28

Joyce's Birthday Party: 10 P.M. until 4 A.M., Saturday, April 14 (see advertisement)

Crossdresser's Weekend In The Poconos Mountains: May 18-19-20 (See Advertisement)

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LEE'S MARDI GRAS: (Social) Lee's Mardi Gras , 565 10th Ave., NYC NY 10036 (contact Bebe J. Scarpi, 212-947-7773)

Party: Wednesday, February 29

Party: Thursday, March 29th

Party: Friday, April 27th

Halloween Drag Ball 1984: Details pending

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CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Closed, heterosexual) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Poughkeepsie NY 12602

Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, locations vary.

NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA

PHI CHAPTER (GGA): (South NJ, Phila., open non-sexual) Michelle Williams, Box 322, Collingswood NJ 08108

Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

St. Valentine's Party: 7 P.M., Saturday, February 11. For information call Selma (609) 428-8448 between 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.

St. Patty's Day Party: 7 P.M., Saturday, March 17. For information call Selma (609) 428-8448 between 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.

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NORTHERN NJ CHAPTER (GGA): (NJ, Open, non-sexual) Eileen Malley, P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960

Meetings: Temporarily suspended until new site can be found.

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SUE HALL: (NJ, TVs and Swingers) Sue Hall Ent., Box 74, Changewater NJ 07831

Meetings: Mondays, dress as you like.

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DALLAS CHAPTER (GGA): (N.E. PA., open, non-sexual) Miss Kathy Hivish, Box 268, Dallas PA 18612 (717)675-2585

Meetings: First Saturday each month

MID-ATLANTIC

DELTA CHI CHAPTER (GGA): (Baltimore - DC, open non-sexual) Sandy Machin, Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria VA 22312

Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month

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ACADAMY AWARDS: (Baltimore - Wash. DC, Drag - gay) c/o B.A. Lind, 5375 Duke St A-1416, Alexandria, VA 22215

Ms Universe Ball: February 10-11 Annual Drag event. Open to public. 7 P.M. Friday for dinner and 8 P.M. Saturday. $20 fee includes dinner. Capital Hill Quality Inn.

Banquet: April 27-28

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BALTI-WASH ALLIANCE (GGA): (Baltimore - Wash. DC, open non-sexual) Pam Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall VA 22115

Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

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JANUS/DC: (Washington DC, Transsexual Support) Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20011

Meetings: 4th Thursday each month

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HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER (GGA): (Virginia, open) N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Meetings: Irregularly scheduled (next meetings March 3, and May 14)

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SUCCESS CHAPTER (GGA): (Florida, open non-sexual) Susan Armstrong, Box 1601, Pinellas Park FL 33656
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each odd numbered month.
Annual Daytona Beach Vacation: The last week of each September.
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FANTASIES IN LACE: (Florida, open non-sexual) 3608 W. Broward Bvl, Ft Lauderdale FL 33312 (305)581-2366
Meetings: Every Saturday
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GENDER DYSPHORIA CENTER: (Galveston, transsexual support) Alice (713) 763-6227
Meetings: 1st Saturday each month
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DFW-METROPLEX CHAPTER-GGA: (Dallas-Fort Worth, open, non-sexual) Barbara's Boutique, 2620 Scott Ave, Fort Worth, Texas (817) 429-7313
Meetings: 7:30 P.M., every Saturday
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UPPER MIDWEST

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): (Chicago, open non-sexual) Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 (312)-472-4518
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled, but very active.
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CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Illinois, closed heterosexual) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month
Annual Weekend Outing: March 2, 3, 4 In Michigan
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CROSSROADS CHAPTER: (Michigan, open non-sexual) Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled
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PARADISE CLUB: (Ohio, open non-sexual) Paradise Club, Box 24363, Cleveland OH 44124
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month. (There are reports of socials during the odd numbered months, but inquire first.)
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WISCONSIN NETWORK: (Open, non-sexual) Dee Dailey, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735
Party: 6 P.M., Saturday, March 10

MIDWEST, INTER-MOUNTAIN

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY: (Colorado, open non-sexual) M.R.S., Box 27795, Denver CO 80227
Meetings: 1st Friday of each month at locations to be announced. Also there are reports of daytime meetings, but inquire first.
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DENVER GENDER IDENTITY CENTER: (Service, information, contacts and professional staff serving the crossdressing community.) Denver GIC, 2715 W. 32nd Ave, Denver CO 80211, 303-458-5378
Meetings: Schedule unavailable at this time, but weekly meetings for TVs, TSs, wives, and adolesents.

SOUTHWEST

SPECTRUM: (Arizona, open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix AZ 85063
Party: In Mesa AZ, 8 P.M., Saturday, February 4. RSVP 897-8539
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SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI ESS): (Chapters nation-wide, closed, heterosexual) Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Alpha Chapter: (Los Angeles) Meeting schedule unavailable at this time.
Sigma Delta Chapter: (San Diego) Meeting schedule unavailable at this time.
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CHIC (CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB: Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 (213)249-2442
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month
Open House: April 28, 1984, 7:00 PM
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SHANGRI-LA CLUB: (National membership, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 19202, Irvine CA 92713
Scyros Chapter: 1st Saturday of each month
Shangri-La West: Annual outing June 21-24, Stallion Springs, California
Shangri-La '84: Annual five-day va-

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cation April 25-29, 1984, Biloxi, Mississippi

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SALMACIS: (open) Salmacis, 1409 Garden St., Glendale CA 91201 (213)241-9093
Meetings: 2nd Saturday each month

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SANTA ROSA CHAPTER (GGA): (Open non-sexual) Maria (707)538-9099
Meetings: Call for time and location.

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): (Open non-sexual) W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109
Meetings: Inquire first

NORTHWEST

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANGE (GGA): (Chapters throughout North America, open non-sexual) GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 (408)734-3773
San Francisco: 2nd Wednesday each month 8pm
San Jose: 8pm 1st and 3rd Friday each month

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THURSDAY IRREGULARS: (San Jose, open to non-paranoid transgendered people, non-sexual) By request, all inquiries are: c/o Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER-PORTLAND (GGA): (open, non-sexual, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Meetings: Schedule unavailable at this time, but active.

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EMERALD CITY: (Open, non-sexual) Emerald City, Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Meetings: A schedule is not available at this time

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CANADA

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS): (Open, non-sexual) CP 1164 Succ H, Montreal, Que Can H3G-2N1

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FACT (FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS): FACT, Box 291, Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ont Can L8N-3C8 416-539-7884

Meetings: 2nd Friday of each month, visitors welcome

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METAMORPHOSIS: (Support for the F-M transsexual) Box 5963, Sta. 'A', Toronto Ont Can M5W-1P4

Meetings: Schedule unavailable at this time.

FOREIGN

BEAUMONT SOCIETY: (Great Britain, closed, heterosexual) Beaumont Society, Box 3084, London England 2C1N-3XX

Meetings: Schedule unavailable, but frequent meetings in 11 chapters.

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SHAFT (SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS): SHAFT, 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5-9UX

Meetings: Schedule unavailable at this time

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FRIEND MERSEYSIDE: 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, L1-4DI (051)708-0234

Meetings: Fridays 7-10pm

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ELIZABETH CLUB: (Japan, open) Ant Trading Co., Sakata Bldg, 1-12 Iwamoto-Cho Kanda, Chiuoda-Ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Meetings: No schedule available. Private facilities in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya

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SEAHORSE CLUB: (Australia, open, non-sexual) The Seahorse Club of Australia, Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia

Meetings: Last Friday of each month

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May 18-20, 1984: Annual 3-day event in a resort less than 2 hours from NYC.

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TIFFANY'S 4TH ANNUAL PROVINCETOWN OUTING: (Cape Cod, open non-sexual) The Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA., 01778 (617)358-5575

May 30 thru June 4, 1984: Annual 3 to 6 day event held each Spring in Provincetown, MA. This is the 'Club Med Vacation' for Crossdressers and friends. There are unlimited activities available in a friendly sea-side community.

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FANTASIA FAIR: (Cape Cod, open non-sexual) Eve Goodwin, Dept FF Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston MA 02215

October 12-21, 1984: Annual 9-day event held each Fall in Provincetown MA. F/F offers a wide selection of educational, social and outdoor activities and programs to all participants.

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DREAM: (Oregon, open, non-sexual) DREAM, Box 58, 507 3rd Ave., Seattle WA 98104

September: Semi-annual high quality 7-day event held in the fall near Portland Oregon. Features condominiums, and a 5-day fashion/beauty course. Last held September 1983. Probable next date: September 1985.

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DAYTONA BEACH: (Florida, open non-sexual) Success, Box 1601, Pinellas Park, FL 34290 (813)856-2542

September-October: Annual 7-day event sponsored by the Success Chapter of GGA. Spend a day, a week, or longer.

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SHANGRI-LA: (open, non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713

April 25-29, 1984 in Biloxi Mississippi

June 21-24, 1984, Annual 3-day event held in Stallion Spring, California

LETTERS

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HALLOWEEN:

Dear Merissa

I thought the Hallowe'en party was a great success... certainly the best so far.

Pat (ME)

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Dear Merissa

I want to sincerely thank you for your marvelous hospitality on Sunday afternoon and for accepting me as a member of the Tiffany Club. I was impressed and moved by everyone's warmth and friendliness and also by the wonderful relaxed atmosphere. Please thank Kim for her help with my "shopping". I've already tried on the outfits and they are really beautiful. You'll see them very soon. I've also made an appointment with Elinor and Joan for next week.

It's truly amazing, but as a result of even this first introductory visit, I'm feeling some marvelous changes in my psyche. First and most important is a release from certain tensions which have been building up for a long time. This overall feeling of relaxation and well-being has revived a feeling of enthusiasm and energy for life which I haven't felt in a long time.

I'm looking forward to seeing you very soon. I hope I can become a participating, giving, responding member, enhancing the atmosphere of support and warmth which you have succeeded in creating.

Love, Debbie N (E. MA)

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Merissa, you and yours at Tiffany keep up the good work. Even old stick in the muds like me can't help but be moved by your efforts.

Fran (NH)

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FANTASIA FAIR

Dear Merissa

A year ago I would "never ever" have imagined that some day I'd be jauntily tripping along Commercial St in Provincetown listening to the tap tap of my high heels on the sidewalk and feeling the gentle flapping of my skirt about my knees. Today this has happened to me and I have never felt so warm and joyful and at peace.

I owe a lot to you, Merissa, and to the ladies at Tiffany for encouraging me to go, if even for one day, to the Outreach Institute's annual Fantasia Fair. I owe a great deal to Ariadne and all her staff for making the wonderful Fair happen. So many good things happened to me during the brief time I was able to be there, and I learned that when you are glad to be yourself then you are at your best for everyone else. I know that some would say that Paula's day at Provincetown was unreality, but I know that I am more really me, now, than I have ever been.

Of course I owe the greatest debt to C. I know she has mixed feelings, and I saw her moiste eyes the day she looked at me with a lot of love that did not fully hide the silent fear, and said to me, "I do want to come with you." Long before we arrived at the "first safe refuge of the Pilgrims", we had to stop for lunch. I was so nervous, but C. Kept encouraging me, "You look just fine, - no one is 'reading' you." What a thrill when the waitress said "May I help you ladies?" C. knew at once to order for us both, and soon we were safely in our car again headed east, towards Provincetown.

The most wonderful thing about our day at P-town was the wonderful folks we met. There was not one of them who was unfamiliar with sorrow and pain. They all had experienced it along the way. They were there and they were lovely, especially the several spouses

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and relatives and friends who rallied around C. when she needed it most. (Coming home we agreed that we had met some of the nicest people we had ever met.)

We are at home again and we know that some things will be different for us now, - and there will be a price. We think, though, that we can hug tightly in our arms most of what we have known and shared and built together over the years, and that there will have to be some rules and limits and giving. At very least we know now that it can be managed and that others have managed it and that they will be near by when we need them.

Thank you Merissa for sending us off in the right direction.

One of our new friends said to me, "You and C. are at the right place at the right time - there is hope." And that, I think, summarizes our experience at the Fair: There is hope, and with hope, peace.

Love, Paula

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Dearest Merissa

I send my thanks to you, to Kim and Nancy, and the gals in Tiffany House.

I loved coming to the House - I like so much what you are doing and I care very much that you can continue doing it all effectively and completely.

Know that I'm thinking of you, and all the gals that were so cordial and pleasant to me.

Love, Sheila

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OPEN HOUSE

Dear Merissa

The September Open House was fabulous! Made many new friends - all the girls were very nice. You know it was Janet's "Society Debut" - Janet does need a lot of work and will eventually be 'squared away' - but there were no negative comments. The party was over all too soon for me.

My compliments to all involved in the food preparation. Everything was delicious. Tiffany House is shaping up very nicely and is a comfortable place to be. As far as I'm concerned, Tiffany is totally worth while, totally. (Didn't mean to sound like a Valley Girl.)

Love to All, Janet (NH)

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SUSAN HUXFORD, Dir. Genderserve, Exec. Dir. FACT

Dear Merissa

Let me reflect a little. When I became aware of the world of crossdressers upon my retirement from teaching in 1977, I did not want to get involved with anyone - even those who claimed to be transsexual. I did not wish to become a member of a mutual admiration society or find myself in a situation in which we would all cry on each other's shoulders. It was not until the end of 1979 that I knowingly met another transsexual and that person was my predecessor as Secretary of FACT, the late Janice Anderson. That event opened my eyes with a jolt.

The last quarter of 1979 completely changed my way of thinking; I saw how desperately the transsexually-inclined need support. FACT was floundering; the TS community inCanada needed a stable organization to which to turn. In January of 1980 I became involved with FACT; by the end of March I had

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been appointed Executive Secretary. In August of the same year I underwent sex reassignment surgery after only three years "on the road".

Most people would have quit once their own goal - surgery - had been achieved. I couldn't. I had come to see how diverse and numerouse are the needs of cross-dressers. I was still very wary of the TV world; as a TS I could not relate. However, I continued to read, research, study and - listen.

I continued counselling people and then became aware that many TVs are just as lonely and isolated as many TSs -- if not more so. To the TS cross-dressing is not a relaxation or a "fun" thing. It is part of life: the M-to-F must be a woman, and being a woman means the wearing of certain clothing by convention - even if it is only a woman's turtleneck and jeans. To the TS it is what is inside the clothes that counts; from there on we are as diverse as genetic females in our outward appearance. Some women choose to be glamourous as much as possible; others are still women - even ladies - 'though they wear little or no make-up in public.

Experience was teaching me that the TV has needs just as does the TS, even if those needs are not precisely the same. In general, there is a great overlap. For at least the past year-and-a-half I have been becoming increasingly aware of the needs of the TV community. I have come to understand and sympathize with them.

I visited Wayland last May because I wanted to meet the tS group that Rachia and Ginny were leading. I also wanted (I'll be honest!) to give you the "once over".

Thank you, Merissa and Tiffany! You know that I prolonged my stay in Wayland and then decided that I must join the Tiffany Club. I felt so comfortable among the genuine people who make up the membership that I felt that I must throw in my lot with them.

It was therefore a real pleasure to receive your invitation to serve on the Tapestry Board of Advisors. I feel flattered that I should have been asked, and I do gladly accept. A seat on some boards of advisors tends to be something of a sinecure; I do not intend that my appointment will sink to that. I am therefore going to permit myself a few thoughts about the TV-TS Tapestry in Canada.

As you know, FACT has its own publication, Gender Review, but its nature is quite different to that of the Tapestry. FACT is a TS organization; through GenderServe, which is registered in the Province of Ontario, I am trying to build up a number of nucleii or nodal points for TVs. Chris Romano (TAMs) has visited me and we have agreed to support each other's efforts in Montreal. I have a contact person for TVs in the Hamilton area and another in Ottawa. Toronto is still a problem area, but I have hopes. I do not envisage myself becoming involved in any efforts to produce a TV newsletter in Canada; I do see the Tapestry being of wider interest here and possibly of serving as a link between TVs in this country. TVs are generally better off financially than are most TSs and they should be able and willing to afford a subscription.

I am therefore going to push TV-TS Tapestry among our own TV and TS communities; some, at least, of the latter will be able to subscribe.

Sincerely, Susan C. Huxford

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Dear Merissa

Thank you very much for the Tapestry. I certainly enjoyed reading it. It thrilled me to see pictures of you, Kim, Nancy, Priscilla, the other girls and myself - "comfortable, crazy, gorgeous, Shirley from Colorado."

I thought that Nikki and your articles about the Tiffany Weekend were very good. Through them I was able to relive the Weekend, one of the most pleasurable experiences I have had. I am planning on attending the Weekend next spring, if at all possible.

Life here on the frontier continues. A month ago I conducted my fourth annual human sexuality class on transvestism at the University as Shirley. This year the instructor had all the students come to this class cross-dressed for the first time. The professor, who came cross-dressed himself, said that the students really liked the session. I enjoy teaching it myself and I think it helps our paraculture to have some outreach to counter the many misconceptions that we

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are subjected to.

Thanks again for the magazine.

Sincerely, Shirley (CO)

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Dear Merissa

I would like to congradulate you on the latest issue of the Tapestry. In the one short year I've beena member of Tiffany, I've become very proud of the organization. The people I have met on my visits are truly the finest people I've ever met.

Love, Danielle (NH)

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Dear Merissa

Although I've been a member of Tiffany for only three weeks, so many wonderful things have happened to me, and my life has changed so much for the better, that I had to sit down and write you this note.

First, I have to thank you for your warm hospitality, for being such a good listener and for all your sound advice. I sincerely hope I haven't imposed upon you too much with all my questions.

So much has happened during these 3 weeks. It's almost impossible to believe how Tiffany has changed my life; maybe even saved my life. For the first time in many years, I find myself looking forward to the next day's events especially when they include a visit to Tiffany. I am no longer plagued with a constant, gnawing feeling of depression and anxiety which was tearing me apart inside. I am able now to gain a proper perspective toward my life, making it possible for me to put things in their appropriate compartments - without over-reacting to things (like my job) which are not really that important.

I've met so many wonderful people and I feel I've begun to develop so many lasting friendships. Beside yourself, Kim has been so friendly, helpful, and supportive. Pat was such a warm, friendly, companion on my 1st trip to the METRO - everyone I've met and talked to has been wonderful.

I've also seen Elinor and Joan ('Total Image') several times. what experts they are but aside from that - what wonderful, super people. Their friendship and support has meant more to me than I can express in words. Together with Tiffany, they are truly responsible for helping to establish the framework and orientation within which all these wonderful things are happening.

Thank you Merissa for bringing me back to the ranks of the 'living'.

Love, Debbie N. (E. MA.)

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THANKSGIVING

Dear Merissa

Just a note to tell you that B. &I really enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner party. I was anxious that B. would have a negative reaction. However, once again she proved how special she is - we talked at great length that night. she had a great time and wants to return. We both feel that everyone we met was warm, sensitive and caring. B. is especially interested in the wives' support group - she really enjoyed speaking to Niela (Coord. Wives' Workshop).

We were fortunate to be at the same table with Niela and you - and Holly is a riot!

Tiffany never fails to exceed my expectations, it is a totally class operation.

Thank you so much!

Janet C. (NH)

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RESPONSE TO 'LETTER BY JANE DOE'

Dear Merissa

Just a few words of thanks in appreciation for all you have done as the focal point of Tiffany.

I read with interest a contribution to the FORUM column by 'Jane Doe'. It reads so quickly. It's almost as if all of the writer's facts (statements) were held for one terrific burst of energy. The content is me! So many different emotions and responsibilities pulling from different directions. I know what I want... but is that what I need? What of my wife, children, employment? How do I balance their best interests to this lovely comulsion of ours? Where can I, who am I? What do I do given the relationships now in place?

Love, Eileen (OH)

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Dear Merissa

I'm unable to thank you enough for making me feel so good among all our sisters. The P-town meeting was athe

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thrill of my life time, and getting to know you - a little, but it counts -, your enchanting personality, was the most, and so was with other sisters such as Barbara, Sheila, Elaine and others whose names I cannot recall right now, but whose charm I'll keep deep in my heart forever.

By the way, your magazine is just terrific. I wish we could make something like that here in the tristate area. Keep on doing such a good job. Also I wish you could helpus to reate an organization like yours. I'm very new in business, but Ihave the feeling that we are not organized at all.

Affecionately, Diana L. (NJ)

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BLOSSOM PASTER, PHILADELPHIA

Dear Editor,

Oasis! Water! It's been found! Yes, TV friends,I have discovered the fountain of you! In Philadelphia we have the fountain of You .. yes, you may be you.

A TV doesn't have to be subjected to stares of astonishment and outrage, fending off advances that are not truly what we seek. A woman (G.G.) Blossom Paster, has opened her heart and her home to my sisters in a dignified, gracious manner. How lovely to be able to act like the ladies we are and not worry about security. Blossom, as an adjunct to her profession of electrolysis, counsels transvestites and transsexuals. Her counseling also involves make-up instruction for the novice and even for many of us who aren't using make-up correctly. It is interesting to note that Blossom claims her clients run the range in age from 18 to 72. Since we are Monday to Friday men of varied professions and careers and in most cases, husbands and fathers, a safe haven is what we need. Part of the fun is driving over to Blossom's house and after the long drive, enter a dressing room that has to be seen to be believed. It is the dream of every transvestite.....mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the most feminine of them all?? I don't wnat to ramble but I feel it is important that every one know that Blossom's main concern is the welfare of her clients and tries to know of every rip-off and con artist who has "taken" the very vulnerable TV. I could go on about the atmosphere and many other points, but I shall hope that others will find this truly beautiful woman.

Thanks for listening.

Claire Harper

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Dear Merissa

Your Tapestry has developed to the finest publication in the Paraculture for which I for one am very thankful. You should also be commended for efforts of leadership to our Community & for putting your house in order. We are all very proud of you.

Much Love, Joan S (CA)

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BANQUET

Dear Merissa

Had a wonderful time at the Christmas Banquet and awards dinner. My girlfriend loved it also. I'm not out in public dressed as Cindy very often, don't often feel too safe with some of the sick people walking around full of violence and anger. I did feel safe at the - - - - with everyone else there.

The people in your group are terrific. I always have a nice time when I come up to visit with you and everyone.

Love, Cindy V (CT)

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BANQUET

Dear Merissa

I enjoyed the Banquet very much - it was a good experience. (And I thank you for pushing a little to force me out!)

Charlene

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Dear Merissa

As you know, I take great delight in poking fun at our paraculture. I also say that some of the funniest things that happen to TVs are never told due to them hiding those things that might be unladylike.

I swear that this is a true story and happened to me. First, I must ask the husbands of supportive wives to agree with me in this: - Wives will not crush gallon milk bottles, half-gallon

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juice containers and brown boxes that bakeries pack pies in.

The average kitchen waste basket will only hold one of each of the above if not crushed. My solution is simply to drop them on the floor and stomp on them.

On Nov. 23rd, in the morning I went thru my usual routine, I stomped on a milk bottle, a juice carton and on the table a brown bakery box which I simply swept off onto the floor and stomped on it.

IT WAS A PUMPKIN PIE MY WIFE HAD BOUGHT FOR OUR DINNER!

Sorrowfully, DeeDee W (CT)

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Dear Merissa

I wanted to write to tell you some of the things I've been doing and share some TV views.

A year ago I knew very few TVs and was writing to none. Last Spring I joined by correspondence Tiffany's, TAMS, Beaumont Society, and Gateway Gender Alliance (GGA). To varying degrees these organizations have been very helpful in bringing me new contacts and helping me learn about people like myself. I've had so many contacts I couldn't keep up with the letters and that I feel bad about.

One of my favorite things is a love of going to other cities, checking in to a motel, getting dressed, taking some self photos, going shopping and then going out at night. Late last August my wife went out of town so I had a chance to do my thing in my home town. I checked in to a motel for the weekend, went to a shopping plaza next to it and bought a beautiful skirt, blouse and vest set. I'm sure the clerk suspected it was for me. I went back to the motel, got made up, dressed in my new outfit and returned to the plaza. I turned afew heads (at 5'10" I usually do) and when I took some nylons to the same clerk she did a bit of a double take but smiled and was quite

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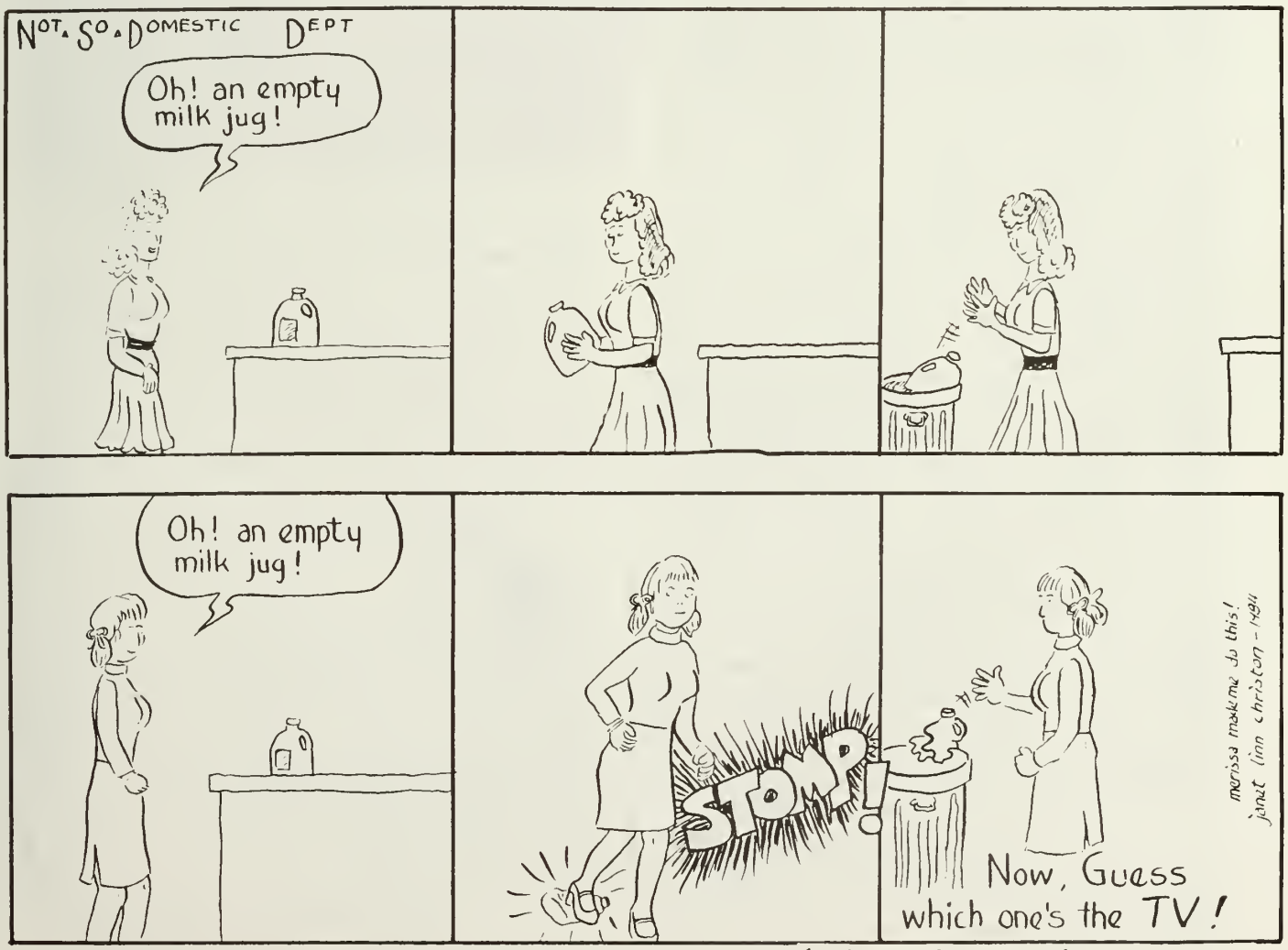

(P.S. Read Dee Dee's letter! -ED)

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pleasant.

That was Friday. On Saturday I went to a local gay club, in drag of course, and by chance they were having a drag show. It was quite good. (The club is called "The Coral Reef". You should visit it if you come to Ottawa.) Ottawa bars close early (1am) so after the Coral Reef I visited a place called "Le Club" - young and gay, but sometimes there are a few TV/TS types there. I didn't stay there long because on the dance floor were two young guys from work. I don't think they recognized me but I wasn't going to take any chances -and I didn't even know they were gay!

Several weeks later I got out for a Saturday evening in Montreal. I visited the Alouette Taverne on St Laurent near Ste Catherine where I met a couple of TS prostitutes and had an interesting talk with one named Michelle. "Just ask for Big Tits Michelle" she said. She's a fine girl, very together and straight forward. She could almost convince me that there is some merit in prostitution. Later that night I visited the Pyramid Club in Cleopatra's, very close to the Alouette. The Pyramid had a four person female impersonation show put together by one Vicki Lane. The girls in the show were all terrific - a must tourist attraction for the transvestite visiting Montreal.

In mid-October I visited Montreal for a one day business meeting. It ended early so I had a chance to visit some shops. I looked at dresses in many stores - big and small and after a while temptation got the better of me. Even though I was dressed as a man I wanted to try on some dresses. I found myself in a Reitman's store on Ste Catherine near Eaton's. It's on two levels and the second level - where the dresses are - was almost deserted. I picked out two dresses - one a knit mini with turtleneck and one a polyester gorgette party dress. I intended to try them both on and keep one. The clerk, perhaps because it wasn't busy, perhaps because I told her it was for a halloween costume, let me try them on. I fell in love with and bought both of them - and also a very nice silk dress for my wife.

My only other recent outing was a day and evening dress up at a local motel where I took some pictures of me in my new dresses. Most pictures were only fair but I hope to be able to soon circulate some copies of the better ones - especially to those who've been good enough to send me some of their photos.

This winter I hope to get to Boston or New York and spend part of next summer in California - and live like a beach bunny - if only I could get my facial and chest hair to stop growing!

Your Sister, Linda Jensen

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Fran V (NH)

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ORGANIZATION REPORTS

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TIFFANY CLUB QUARTERLY REPORT
by Merissa Sherrill Lynn
Exec. Sec. Tiffany Club

October:

My schedule went something like this: 10/7-9 I was in Provincetown for Lee Brewster's Weekend. 10/14, Back to P-town for Fantasia Fair. 10/16, back to P-town for a Leader's meeting. 10/18 back to P-town for a Guild meeting. 10/21 back to P-town for a business dinner. By the end of October I was getting downright tired of P-town. However, my trips weren't wasted.

Lee's Weekend was an education. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but what I got wasn't what I was expecting. First, everyone I met was really nice; people I would be more than happy to have visit us at Tiffany, or attend our Weekend! (I guess I wasn't expecting people to be that nice.) I no longer have any reservations about recommending Lee's functions. THEY'RE GOOD!!!

Next, I was impressed with Lee's organization. (Not being organized myself does not prevent me from appreciating someone who is.)

Next, I was very proud of those Tiffany members who attended. They seemed comfortable, and happy, and even took an aggressive role in seeing to it that everyone else was comfortable and happy. In fact, our own Shiela Kirk was selected 'Miss P-town' for her contribution to the Weekend.

Next, I met Sylvia Riviera. That was the highlight of my trip! She and Lee were the swashbuckling heroines of the '60s and '70s, the revolutionaries that took to the streets to change the laws and put and end to persecution. The freedom and legal protection we enjoy today was largely due to their efforts. Sylvia worked the streets using the money she earned to maintain a half-way house so that others wouldn't have to work the streets to survive. God, I love it when people do things like that! I never met anyone like Sylvia before, and I have to say I felt privileged.

(****Sylvia represents a segment of our Community that is totally foreign to me - draq queens, and the city streets. It is not a segment in which most of us would long survive. Yet, Sylvia's efforts have affected us all, which reinforces my belief that regardless of our sexual preference or lifestyle, we are all in the same boat together.)

Next, I finally had a chance to meet Lee Brewster. What I learned from Lee was, yes, Lee was commercially oriented. However, that commercial orientation was not without idealism, and profit was not her only motivation. In short, she still cares. It is very important to know that.

My next trip to P-town after Lee's Weekend, was primarily for the Sunday business meeting. As far as I'm concerned, it wasn't worth the trip. I wasted a couple days bullshitting with the natives, then sat down to a meeting only to find more than half the people who were supposed to be there had a more important cocktail party to attend. (I don't know why I'm feeling so disgusted. The same thing happened last year. I know one thing. It will not happen next year.)

In fact, the only thing that seemed to work for me was the Friday evening

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business dinner. It worked because we didn't conduct any business, and everyone showed up. That gave everyone a chance to meet each other, and talk about more important things - what to wear while whale watching, etc.

Let's press on to a happier experience: Halloween!

Have you ever been to a transvestite halloween party? Everyone's either a maid, or a dominatrix, or wearing a plain boring dress. How dull! (You don't come to a transvestite halloween party dressed as a transvestite - unless of course you don't happen to be a transvestite - but that's silly, because everyone's a transvestite, even those who aren't - especially at a transvestite halloween party.) Then again everyone at the party is on such a spiritual high that the fact everyone looks alike doesn't amount to a hill of padded bras anyway. What counts is that everyone has a good time. Everyone had a good time.

There were a few decent costumes; Little Bo Peep for instance. Actually Little Bo Peep wasn't any big deal, but her sheep stole the show. It was a pink hippopotamus. When asked if the hippo really thought it was a sheep, Bo Peep replied, "It can be anything it wants to be!" Right on, Peeps!

After Halloween came three of my favorite events: Thanksgiving, our Ladies' Cocktail Party, and Christmas.

The mood for these three events is far different than the mood for any party. Parties are great for bringing out the satin doll within you, for letting your hair hang down, raising hell and having a wonderful time. That's great, but not for me. These three events are great for graciousness, gentleness, giving and receiving love, and for feeling like and being a lady. That's also great, and that is for me.

Like many of you, crossdressing is a fundamental part of my existence. However, unlike many of you, I can crossdress any and all the time. Therefore, I don't need to crossdress at every opportunity. I want something much more than opportunities to live out some fantasy, for being who and what I am is no fantasy. Therefore, getting dolled up for some noisy smokey

Halloween pics

(They say that leaders are really servants. This photo of Ariadne Kane [Director of 'Outreach'], and Merissa Lynn [Exec Sec of Tiffany] proves it.)

('Most Outrageous' - Morgan, the French Dominatrix)

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('Best Over-all' -Miss Piggy)

(Hey Angel, What's that you're holding, a copy of some holy script, or a photo album of 'The Marriage of Sulka'?)

(Why its Tammy Hollander! Or is it Xaviera Wynett?)

(There is a combined 150 years of sin and corruption in this picture)

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party is not as satisfying to me as it might be for others. (To me it's just a noisy smokey party.) What is important is my soul, and these three events give my soul a chance for expression.

I am Merissa, and I love being Merissa. I am no satin doll! I am a sensitive and proud human being. I long for a sense of tranquility and dignity, and to be appreciated for my sensitivity. Thanksgiving and the Cocktail Party gave me the chance to feel like a lady, and Christmas gave me the chance to give love and feel appreciated, especially at the Awards Banquet.

Speaking of feeling appreciated - WOW!

As Executive Secretary it is my job to make up the awards (that means I don't get too many awards), and present them to the recipients at the Banquet. At the banquet I did my duty, and saw many a happy smile and teary eye pass before me. Then Linda stood up and thanked me! I wasn't expect that. In fact while she was telling everybody how wonderful I was, I panicked! I thought I had presented awards to everyone, and couldn't figure out who this wonderful person was that I forgot. Even after she introduced me and everyone stood to applaud it still didn't register. In my state of confusion I started to applaud with everyone else. Then it registered! Oh my God! They were thanking me! What do I do now? I did what every what every leader would do when somebody says 'thanks.' I fainted.

For the rest of the evening I was in love with everyone and everything. The snow on the trees and ground was a sparkling gift of nature. Our guests at the Christmas Party were angels radiating joy . The gifts exchanged were gifts of love. Our tree was so beautiful I cried just looking at it. The songs we sang were melodies of the soul, and we sang until morning. I felt warm and happy, and so very happy to be Merissa on a beautiful night like Christmas. Until my next report:

My Love To You All,
Merissa Sherrill Lynn

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("Let's Party!")

(THIS is a virgin?)

(AWARD: Sherry Loraine selected for the 'First Year Award '83)

(AWARD: Roberta D. selected 'Most Helpful '83)

(AWARD: Kim Schreiber selected for 'the Friendship Award '83)

(AWARD: Tiffany's members and friends saying "Thank You" to Merissa)

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HARRIET LANE'S TV SET REPORT
(Edited from 'The TV Set')
Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford, CT 06492

Well, Winter is coming on and finally have a bit of good news for our Club.

As you probably know or have read in various papers, we had a police raid on May 28, 1983. They had a 'Seize & Search' warrent and turned this house upside down looking for drugs but could not find a thing. No arrests were made and after two hours they took all the liquor, bar, refrigerator, beer, mixers, two guns, and hormone pills in a locked drawer, and many silly items such as calanders, straws, napkins, and glasses. No arrests were made and they left. Five days later they returned and arrested me on charges of selling liquor against TOWN ORDINANCE, STATE LAW, and running a bottle club. A reporter from the local paper took pictures of me in HANDCUFFS and the next day a STAR IS BORN!

On the front page the headlines read "NEIGHBORS TERRORIZED BY TRANSVESTITE CLUB" and a sordid story of threats to children, sex acts on the front lawn, perversion, out of state perverts and a real nasty story all created by one neighbor who moved away about two months later. It seems he gathered two other families who live six or seven

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'Aunt' Harriet Lane

doors down and gottogether with the reporter and told those stories. After the arrests the printed pictures of me in cuffs with three officers and a picture of them hauling the bar and also a picture of the house. In the article the reporter stated that she could not reach me for my side of the story. However, I was home everyday and night as workmen were repairing our playroom and painting the upstairs so you can see this was a total lie. They wanted to sell papers.

I have lived in Hamden, CT. all my life & served in World War II in the South Pacific & have three wounds from that, & appear on the Honor Roll in the Town Hall. I have been always a law abiding citizen and have not been arrested for any violation of the law except traffic violations.

When arrested, I found out my bond for release was $5000.00. When I told mylawyer, he yelled "WHO THE HELL DID YOU KILL?" The detectives then said,"The judge asked for it!" My lawyer said, "Tell them from me they are full of crap. They asked for it!" When I tried to put up my house for security I was told I couldn't because they would have to make a Title search. So I had to pay a bondsman $500.00 to get out of jail.

I appeared in court on the charges and after a few continuances, I pleaded not guilty and had a date set for trial by a jury of my peers. However, that never happened and the case was dismissed and everything they signed for was returned. However, my reputation as a man was totally ruined in a town I had spent most of my life in. Friends and families from childhood now know I'm a TV and the story makes me and all TVs look like the lowest form of humanity. Kids threw garbage and broke the mail box with a baseball bat, yelled profane language at the house at all hours of the A.M.

It quieted down and was forgotten after a month or two and that was that. But it is not over. I have applied to the CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOR ACTION AGAINST THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE HAMDEN CHRONICLE AND THE NEIGHBORS WHO CAUSED THIS. I have been advised that my rights as a citizen have been totally violated and they will consider lawsuits. This will never happen again to any other club, if I succeed in winning the cases. It has cost me approximately $5000.00 so far but I'm going all out to prove that this was strictly a case of harrassment, police violence and cover-up, and libel by the local paper. As it progresses, I will keep all informed through our newsletter and the TRANSVESTIAN, and F.I. NEWS, and other papers.

The parties continued on after the raid and no harrassment has occured by the police or newspapers. They never even printed the outcome of the court case. As far as the police, they consider it a hot potato and will not bother us again unless we break the law. The article appeared in THE TRANSVESTIAN that was printed in the Hamden Chronicle Vol 2-No.7 and a follow up article by Nikki in a later issue was very understanding of the harrassment.

The house and playroom are all finished now and it is bigger and better than ever before. All the rooms upstairs were painted and playroom remodeled with more space for the parties. It is in tiptop condition and very beautiful.

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Throughout this ordeal, I have had over a 1000 telephone calls expressing their sorrow over the outrage committed by the paper and police dept. However, I was very disappointed in the people who used to attend the parties as they have disappeared from the scene here. We have averaged about 25-30 people per party and that my friends will not support this group. I have lost money on every party since May. I lay out over $100.00 each party for food, soda, utinsils, plates, etc. I collect about $60.00 to $80.00 each time so it is always a loss. I can understand the fear and concern that it will happen again and you will be discovered as a TV with threats of reputation, family and friends being unsympathetic to this sort of party. However, no one at the party when the raid occured was arrested or harassed in any way. CT state law states, "ANYONE CAN DRESS ANY WAY THEY WISH AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT USE IT TO PERPITATE A CRIME OR PROSTITUTE ONE'S SELF." So all fears of any repercussions should be allayed.

To be very frank, I do not need the club. It needs me. I am still willing to provide a place to dress and meet people who understand and are the same as you. This the only place to come within a 100 miles, so it is up to you dropouts if you wish it to continue. Join or plan to attend at least one party a month. Your support is very important to the outcome of where we will be next year. I don't need it unless you want it. That's the story up to now and I will be very interested to see the attendance in the near future....

A lot of new faces including sympathetic women have appeared at the parties and of course the old reliables always come and make the noew ones welcome.

One thing has to be cleared up about our parties. THIS IS NOT, and I repeat, NOT a B&D club. It is for meetings and to meet understanding people and other TVs for the relaxation and enjoyment of the TV scene. Most of our group are married & enjoy fine reputations in their communities. All TVs have a different fantasy about their feminine self and they meet others with the same interests. What they do when they leave the party is not our business. Here they must conduct themselves properly. NO DRUGS OR EXCESSIVE DRINKING ARE ALLOWED! You bring your own bottle and set-ups if you wish to drink. None will be provided by the club. You pay the party fee immediately upon arrival. You will be introduced and from there on you are on your own. Talk and mingle with all the guests and get to know them. Do not force yourself on anyone who does not wish to converse with you. Use your head and approach everyone with humility and understanding. When you leave the house please do so immediately and with little noise as possible so you do not create a disturbance to our neighbors. Help us make this a respectable TV gathering.

(Auntie Harriet & Merissa)

All our parties have been small but we had a ball anyway and it seems the same faces come back each time including the new TVs and women. Margo still has her services available. She will also be doing a show on Sundays at 'Man's Country', a gay bar located in Orange, CT.

A group of us went to the Tiffany Club for their Clam Bake and Halloween

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party. We had a ball, although I must apologize to Merissa Lynn for getting a little tipsy at Halloween.

Other than that there is not much more to say and I hope this extended letter will bring back some of you who are reluctant to attend because of fear. President Roosevelt in the war years put it aptly..."The only fear we have to fear is fear itself."

A new format for the club is being formed right now but basically it boils down to a change in membership costs. We wish to be more secure about who attends and why. All new applicants will be screened by Harriet Laneand no one will be admitted to a party without being a member. This affords us tighter security and a better idea ofbuying supplies and food.

If this does not work to bring people out and put us out of the red, I mustclose down and you'll have to travel at least 100 miles to attend a party. I will have my own private party for the friends who have continually stuck by me thru thick and thin. But I will not seek and help new TVs to attend and meet people of their same interests. So it comes down to whether we exist or disappear.

YOUR CHOICE.....

Your dear friend and sister
Harriet Lane

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THE WISCONSIN NETWORK REPORT
(formerly 'Upper Mid-West TV Network')
(Edited from 'The Network News')
The Network, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187

The big news is Ruthann Moskowitz is no longer able to manage The Upper Mid-West TV Network. 'The Network', an existing organization formed by Dee Daily, has agreed to provide special functions for TVs and TSs. 'The Network' is dedicated to accepting all people as equals, and building an environment trust and support to help people understand themselves and others.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DEE DAILEY:

Most people ask at some point how this organization started and why I do it....

The Network formally started on November 7, 1979. It evolved out of my pain, my loneliness and my desire to survive during the most painful period in my life when I was at the point of deciding to either end it all or find new ways of living. At that time I could find no one to help me and professionals I tried only made things worse. I tried to forget my pain and help others by starting a hotline that could be supportive. It has since grown to entail everything The Network is now and will be in the future. Over 10,000 calls, several hundred individual and group meetings and a lot of nice people who both asked for and gave support have made all of this worthwhile--helped me as much as I help others quite often. The newsletter is the newest addition to my attempts to reach out and touch people with whatever I have in me that might help loneliness and pain.

That still doesn't tell you a lot about me, does it? I am 32, single, the mother of an 11 year old daughter. I was born July 14, 1951. I have 8 brothers and sisters. I grew up in a town of 320 people where anything different was crazy because there was no one to talk to. I have traveled extensively since I was 18. Meeting a lot of people and seeing a lot of places has helped broaden the outlook on life I had at 18--sometimes painfully so. Small towns are closeted but in many ways they are also protective of their own people. Cities are so cold. The loneliness that can be felt when there are a million people around can sometimes be much more excruciating than when there are only a few hundred. I am bisexual with a preference toward women in sexual relationships or longterm relationships-if I was going to be married, I'd probably want to marry a woman. (That and many other things in this letter may shock some people. I hope not too badly. I would like to have us all grow.)

I also develop a lot of very close relationships with men as friends and companions and occasionally lovers. I like people. I find I can usually help anyone who does not try to hurt other people unnecessarily. And I can relate well to most people. The people this

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newsletter is aimed at have usually been told or felt that they were bad because they/we are different in one aspect of our life. I find that most times being gay, bisexual, cross-dressing, and many other things can be an addition to our life if we accept them in ourselves. I have been a registered nurse for over 8 years. I still work full time at that to support myself, my daughter and the work I want to do in The Network. My work schedule makes me unavailable most nights and during the day mist days unless I am off from my regular job. This, I hope, gives you a brief rundown of me. We, I hope, will learn more about one another as time passes.

Some of you may not approve of some of the things I am trying to do or some of the people I work with. I hope you will take into account what it feels like to be judged by others for what you are and try to be as accepting of others as you would like them to be of you.

P.S. I also have a goal of doing all I can to try to stop the practice of crossdressers throwing away their clothes. Our newsletter offers classified ads if you want to sell things or I can store things on a limited basis. You can bring things you want to get rid of to the meetings or send them to me to use or sell.

Transsexuals who desire or feel a need for gender change surgery are also people who I will help if I can. My information on where to go for help preoperatively and postoperatively is limited but I hope it will be better later. I am in the process of checking out resources now.

Dee Dailey

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METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION REPORT

(Edited from the MMRF newsletter)

MMRF,P.O. Box 5963 Station 'A', Toronto Ontario Canada M5W-1P4

INCORPORATION: On August 3, 1983, the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations issued a charter to the founding directors to constitute a

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Lee J. Brewsters

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corporation without share capital un the name "Metamorphosis Medical Research Foundation."

Alise Martinez, R.N., B.A., Dirtector of 'TS Counseling' in San Francisco, CA, has suggested an affiliation between GenderServe, Metamorphosis, and TS Counseling affording the opportunity for an exchange of ideas, approaches and information regarding the Transsexual in Canada and the U.S. Also, to allow those transsexuals associated with our organizations, that might be travelling between the Toronto-Hamilton and San Francisco Bay areas, a reference point for contact. So doing, so that we can better counsel our Transsexual clients."

We are currently in the process of applying to Revenue Canada for Tax exempt status as a registered charity. Once charitable status has been officially registered, tax exempt receipts will be issued to charitable donors. ("Donors" do not include either foundation members or newsletter subscribers).

The 1983 membership cards and certificates are being mailed out with this issue of the newsletter to all paid-up members for 1983. (We wish to apologize for the long delay.)

Both memberships and newsletter subscriptions expire as of December 31, 1983 and are now renewable (by either cheque or money order). The membership fee for 1984 is still only $25. (The 16-page information packet on female-to-male transsexualism is now $5). the newsletter subscription rate for 1984 is still only $15 (for six issues).

The newest member to join the MMRF's Board of Professional Advisors is Dr. Lenard M. Hughs--a general practitioner in private practice in Pennsylvania who is planning to train in genitourinary reconstructive surgery in a Urology residency. We warmly welcome the "good doctor".

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FORUM

The Forum is for exploring what we think, what we feel, what we say and do. It is for exploring our difficulties, our guilts and fears, and how we can overcome them. The Forum is not for fiction, or fantasy, or technical articles. Rather, it is for talk, for thought, for understanding ourselves and one another, and for sharing ourselves with others.

If you have an item you wish to submit for publication in the Forum, send it to: Editor, The Tapestry, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

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(**The following is a personal statement by Mariette Pathy Allen. Mariette is a professional photographer from NYC. She has attended Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's P-town Weekend, and Lee Brewster's Mardi Gras tour. She has written several articles on the subject of transvestism, and is currently collaborating on a book. She recently had a private photography show in NYC at Photographics Unlimited Gallery. This show was entitled 'THE BEHOLDER'S EYE', and this statement was taken from that show. -ED)

THE BEHOLDER'S EYE: Men as Women
By Mariette Pathy Allen

Sexuality and gender role and their relationship to each other have always raised questions for me. What is inherently masculine or feminine? How did we get there and does it really matter? In high school, reading Margaret Mead, I was profoundly relieved to realize that the human family can organize itself to fit any pattern. Later, when I discovered the heterosexual transvestite, a phenomenon conventional wisdom would consider a contradiction, I re-experienced this sense of relief. Here are people who question gender roles not merely with their minds, but with their lives. I see them as heroic because they confront, by the way they live, what most of us keep safely hidden in our innermost fantasies -- if we allow ourselves even that much freedom.

The primary emphasis of this exhibition is on the transvestite, the man who yearns for femininity in his search for wholeness. Often he sees his feminine creation as his better half: the kinder, more charming person who had closer access to feelings and a greater ability to enjoy life. In the desire to find release from a strictly defined masculine stereotype, he faces the equally defined feminine stereotype. From this may come the freedom

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(This fine portrait of Ms Dorothy Finch was among the many outstanding photos on display at Mariette's recent show at 'Photographics Unlimited Gallery' in New York.)

to see it all as illusion: a rite of passage out of the tyranny of sexual stereotypes altogether.

The smaller groupings in this show include the drag performer and the transsexual. For the performer, drag offers a way of playing with the illusion of femininity in consort with an audience that always knows the score. For the transsexual, it is the body's maleness itself that represents the ultimate illusion.

If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, whether the beholder is the outside world or a person looking back into his or her mirror, beauty remains for all of us an illusion. The same can be said for masculinity and femininity. They are only outward trappings that make a person appear to be male or female. And in the surgically advanced era in which we live, anatomy itself becomes an illusion. But the greatest illusion is that our sex determines how we are supposed to conduct our lives. I hope that this exhibition will give the viewer some of the feeling of freedom I have experienced in coming to know transvestites, drag artists, and transsexuals: the realization that we all have the right to present ourselves to the world as we see fit.

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(**The following song was written for the marvelous stage show 'La Cage Aux Folles', the story of a gay couple, one of whom was a female impersonator. 'I Am What I Am' has become so popular some people are now calling it a "gay anthem." Although most of us who crossdress are not gay, 'I Am What I Am' could also be called "our anthem." --ED)

I AM WHAT I AM
by Jerry Herman, for the stage show 'La Cage Aux Folles'

I am what I am
I am my own special creation
So come take a look
Give me the hook
Or the ovation
It's my world that I want to take a little pride in
Life's not worth a damn
Till you can say, "Hey, world,
I am what I am

I am what Iam
I don't want praise
I don't want pity
I bang my own drum
Some think it's noise, I think it's pretty
And so what if I love each feather and each spangle
Why not try to see things from a different angle
Your life is a sham
Till you can shout out loud,
"I am what I am."

I am what I am
And what I am needs no excuses
I deal my own deck
Sometimes the ace, sometimes the deuces

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There's one life and there's no return
and no deposit
One life, so it's time to open up your
closet
Life's not worth a damn
Till you can say, "Hey world,
I am what I am."

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MISC.

(*** At Tiffany's Christmas Party, each year somebody gives somebody something that could be described as "a little out of the ordinary!" This year's "out of the ordinary" gift was given to Kim, and came complete with purple hair, purple fingernails, holding an empty bottle of premarin, a letter of introduction, and adoption papers. We thought you might enjoy reading the 'letter of introduction'. -ED)

(* Before traveling east, Kim was the director of the Mountain Rose Society in Boulder.)

(** 'Star' refers to Kim's 'Sardust' halloween costume.)

Kim,

I have good reason to believe that this Premarin Patch Child is a relative of yours. She tells me her name is 'Angel Tanya Sherrill Dust'. She was born in Boulder* Colorado about 2 years ago, and has been trying to locate her parents ever since. She has this, terribly silly, but compulsive belief that both her mother and father are the same person and that person's name is 'Star'*. Among her personal belongings I found; a birth certificate from 1981 for a child named 'Kim Schreiber Jr.' born in Boulder, Colorado, with blond hair and blue eyes; sexy lingerie; lots of cosmetics; a 1983 copy of the Tapestry; a faded photo from an Atlantic City Newspaper; a 1/2 full, gallon jar of little purple pills (which I flushed down the toilet) and a prescription that recommended 12.5 mg three times daily (this may explain the purple tint to her hair). when I tried to wash her face to get rid of all the blush and mascara she had a temper tantrum. I don't know about this little girl, she has such peculiar taste. I mean Really! Purple nail polish, frizzed hair, and walks around with a rose, chanting Zen, anti-war, and equal rights slogans. This child definitely needs a parent, so why don't you take her in and give her a home?

Love, B.W.

HOW FAR DO I GO?

by Wilma Thordsen

(Edited from the 'TVIC Journal', the publication of 'Albany TVIC', c/o M. Bolis, Box 320, Somerville MA 02144)

I hope that this article does not anger anyone, but I am writing on behalf of the long suffering wives and girl friends, as well as for those of us who feel too restricted. I suggest then that this article be read jointly and the issues be settled by mutual accord.

There is not a TV reading this who would not enjoy the privilege of total liberty to crossdress and have the ability to affect total transformation from male to female. The married TV

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cannot unless he has a wife who is contented with the transformation and strong enough to face what could result in the years to come. Few wives are content with this, and even fewer are strong enough to face what it entails.

Behind the question, "How far do I go?" are the issues of which must be settled mutually after much discussion: (1) Ear piercing, (2) removal of hair, face & body, (3) sleeping attire, (4) female clothing under male apparel, (5) crossdressing outside, (6) and who is to know.

(1) EAR PIERCING... This is permanent. After it has abeen done correctly, and a short time has passed, it is scarcely noticeable by even the barber, but these tiny holes will be opened as long as you live, and it can't be undone. It is so very true that it makes you feel more feminine when you put pierced ear rings on, but can your wife take it?

(2) REMOVAL OF HAIR... Here again is a critical issue. Some wives will not go beyond a certain point. I hope that no one will consistantly override their wife's objections. On behalf of all of us who crossdress, I urge the wife to consider the TV's side. After all, men of biblical times often shaved their entire bodies with sharp knives. It made them no less potent.

(3) SLEEPING ATTIRE... I am sure that the wife will give or meet you half way on this issue, but talk it over with her. Compromise! It is sheer ecstacy and a luxury to slip into a sheer, pretty nightgown and drift off to dreamworld, but compromise please! It means much to a wife to have her husband in bed with her part time. Ask your wife and be willing to give some.

(4) UNDER MALE ATTIRE... What does your wife think about this? Get her thoughts and limit yourself accordingly. After all, marriage is a partnership. If she is tolerant enough to let you dress, you have greater privileges than many. There are shorts for men made of nylon that are comfortable.

(5) OUTSIDE APPEARANCES... Few of us are able to pass in daylight. Some can pass at night. I have known girls that enjoyed being driven about by their wives, and have ridden in a car with couples on occasions. It is stimulating and very enjoyable. You should impass a curfew. No daylight rambling - maybe at Mardi Gras in New Orleans or a special occasion, but otherwise, uh uh! It is a matter of decision by the two of you.

(6) WHO IS TO KNOW?... Don't be too anxious to drag your wife before other girls. Ask her opinion but don't push too hard, or she will draw back. Be selective! Just use common sense. As for telling outsiders or other family members - it is a case of mutual agreement and should not be blundered into. Too few accept the fact that we are not sex deviates. As for children - only you know the maturity of your own children.

In conclusion, maybe I haven't helped at all, but I hope that this will set you wives and girls to thinking. The issues are important - to all of us. Commuinication is the key to concord. Talk it over but don't press each other to immediate decision. It isn't something that must be decided today. Both the wife and the TV have tender feelings, so respect them!

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THE FETISHISTIC TV

by Elaine Willey

(**This is based on, and set to the music of, Robin Oakapple's song, "My Boy, You May Take It From Me" from 'Ruddigore' by Gilbert and Sullivan. The performer should be dressed, initially, in a long or average-length wrap skirt which, at the end of the line indicated by the asterisk, is removed [with much display of embarrassment] to reveal an outrageously short miniskirt.

I wrote this poem at the request of a TV friend who had seen my previous poems but wanted something more specifically tailored to his case. I venture to suppose, however, that the affliction herein described is not unique to him. --E.W.)

My friends, you may take it from me,
That, of all deviations accursed
Which are TVs' temptations and dark
inclinations

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The fetishist kind is the worst!
Now, I'm proper, I'm sure you'll agree,
I'm a femmiphile second to none,
*But, though highly respected, I'm
deeply infected-
When wearing short skirts, I'm, undone!
But,
If you wish paracultural advance,
And your feminine side you'll
enhance,
Then, such joys must be bottled and
stifled and throttled,
Or, trust me, you haven't a chance!

I've a throughly rational mind
But these miniskirts drive me insane!
For I'll praise and berate them and
love
them and hate them,
Yet wear them again and again!
I'm consumed by desire that's blind!
I'm obsessed with deplorable lust!
I'm beset by compulsion, despite my
revulsion
You see why I wear these? - I must!
Yet,
If you wish paracultural advance,
And your feminine side you'll
enhance,
Then, this need must be bottled and
stifled and throttled,
Or trust me, you haven't a chance!

In defense of our case I excel,
I decry all the limits on taste,
And I'll quote Hall and Cushing, whose
styles I'll be pushing
As viable menswear that's chaste.
I'm policically liberal as well,
I'm for every minority right,
But this bold affirmation hides endless
frustration -
With sex, I'm completely uptight!
Still,
If you wish paracultural advance,
And your feminine side you'll
enhance,
Then all sex must be bottled and
stifled and throttled,
Or, trust me, you haven't a chance!

(**For a knowledgeable audience, "menswear" could be replaced by "softwear" [a term coined by David Hall and suggested by the computer term 'softwear']. David Hall and William

(**For a knowledgeable audience, "menswear" could be replaced by "softwear" [a term coined by David Hall and suggested by the computer term 'softwear']. David Hall and William Cushing are proponents of such "soft-wear" - namely, skirts [or, as Hall spells it, "skerts"] designed for men; they feel that men can wear these without crossdressing, just as women can wear pants. My friend is much taken with this idea, which, if "viable", would do wonders to eliminate guilt.)

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OUTLINE: DR. BELL'S VISIT

Submitted by Charlene Wanda M.

In October 1983 the Tiffany Club had the honor of hosting Dr. Douglas Bell, a facial plastic surgeon. Several surgical cosmetic procedures were discussed in detail and are presented here in brief:

BLEPHOROPLASTY

'Bleph' is eyelid surgery. Because there is more fatty tissue with which to work, upper eyelids are easier to work on than lower eyelids. To insure good health an eye examination is performed before the surgery. A very small percentage of patients have a visual change which could require a change of eye prescription. Done with a local anesthesia, the procedure takes an hour to an hour and a half and costs from $1500 to $5000 depending upon locality. The results generally last for up to ten years.

FACELIFT

The 'facelift' is used to obtain a more youthful appearance by pulling back the skin toward the ear. A close follow up is required by most surgeons as there can be minor complications, although these do occur rarely. After

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the procedure is performed, you can expect to look 'beat-up' for a while. Makeup should not be worn for 7 to 10 days after the surgery. The swelling and discoloration will clear up after about 2 or 3 weeks. This procedure is not painful. However, there is some minor discomfort which lasts a short period of time. Usually done with a local anesthetic, the facelift takes 3 to 4 hours to perform and costs from $2500 to $10,000.

CHEMA DERM ABRASION

The 'chema derm abrasion' is used to remove the finer facial lines on the skin by using phenol or a similar substance. It is not recommended that more than 1/4 of the face be done at one time. After this technique is used the skin will have a red (or deep tan) appearance which will last for 3 or 4 weeks and on rare occasions up to 2 months. This procedure takes up to an hour to perform, depending upon the area to be treated, and costs around $200 to $300.

INJECTIONS

'Injections' are used for building up areas such as cheeks. Silicon, which was popular during the sixties is not currently used so much because of its unpredictability. Silicon can cause body reactions and can shift around within the body. Another substance which is used is silastic, which is a rather firm material. It would not be acceptable, for example, for the use as a breast implant. One of the marterials being used today is zyderm and zyderm-II. This is superficially injected with a very fine needle and the results can last from 2 to 5 years. The cost of this procedure varies widely depending upon what is to be done.

RHINOPLASTY

'Rhinoplasty' is the nose-job. This procedure takes about a year to realize the full effects. It is sometimes performed with surgery for a deviated septum, which can make breathing difficult. The top of the nose is bone, while the middle and tip are comprised of a stiff cartilage. The idea is to reshape the cartilage, removing some when necessary and sometimes removing some of the bone.

LARYNGEAL CHONDROPLASTY

'Laryngeal chondroplasty' is the modification of the lump in the throat (the adams apple). This surgery is performed with the smallest possible incission to avoid scarring. Care must be taken to avoid the voice box, which is generally just level with the base of the adams apple. This lump is cartilage which is removed. The procedure is done under local anesthetic and takes about an hour. Recovery times are around 7 to 10 days and it costs around $750 to $1500.

Another point that was made was to maintain a stable weight. It is advised that if you are overweight and lose it, little gain will be realized if the weight is put back on later. Keeping a reasonable diet is also important to maintaining a healthy and youthful appearance.

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MEN IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES

article submitted by Dee Dee W.

In the biological sense, we are all bisexual, that is possessing both male and female hormones and therefore capable of responding to stimuli of either kind.

'Sex and the Law'

One of the least understood and most complex sexually-related phenomena in our society is that of cross-dressing; that is, the emotional need of some men to wear women's clothing. Not only is cross-dressing little understood, even by experts, it is also little accepted by 'straights'. As a result, cross-dressers, or trasvestites, live in fear that their predilection will be discovered, that they will be publicly shamed beyond their endurance. They go through periods of self-doubt, recrimination and guilt, often trying to give up the practice once and for all. Some crossdressers even believe that their desire to wear women's clothing

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is transient, a substitution for lack of regular sex, and that loving a good woman will make the desire to dress fade magically away. This is only a delusion. Transvestites who try to 'kick the habit', in almost all cases, become irritable, nervous, and extremely unhappy. Frequently, if they refrain from dressing for a long period of time, symptoms of clinical hypertension, ulcers, headaches and other ailments develop which are largely psychosomatic or emotionally caused.

No one knows why some men need to dress as women or exactly what the dynamics of transvestism are; the basic fact is, it exists. Transvestites are actually two people, one feminine and one masculine, with distinct personalities in each role. The transvestite cannot fully express his personality in the male role. Wearing the clothes of his 'female' counterpart helps the other, feminine side of him blossom and become real for him.

When crossdressers are in their role as a male, no one would suspect that they also have a feminine side to their personalities. They are thoroughly and completely male, with no desire to behave or act as a woman. Conversely, when they dress up, bringing themselves into contact with their feminine side, they largely forget their lives as men.

Strictly speaking, transvestism is not always sexually related. For some, of course, real sexual pleasure is derived from dressing. During those times when they are dressed, their arousal grows markedly and they often masturbate before undressing. Others, however, find the periods of crossdressing to be emotionally satisfying rather than sexually pleasurable. In most cases, though, probably both of these aspects are involved.

Among the many myths surrounding transvestism, the most prevalent is that all transvestites are homosexual. There are, of course, gay transvestites, but there are also heterosexual ones. Not all crossdressers lust after men. In fact, the active feminine side of their personalities and emotional lives enable them to appreciate and love women and everything about women more than most heterosexual men who do not share their penchant for dressing up. Transvestites tend to idolize women, and wearing feminine clothes is one way of becoming close to them and symbolically identifying with their love object, women. They do not want to be women, but simply to emulate them and admire them, at close range you might say. Here, a distinction between transvestites and transsexuals must be made. They are not the same animal. While transsexuals feel like women trapped in a male body, transvestites are total men who feel a need to actively express their feminine sides. They do not wish, however, to physically be women, they do not hate their male bodies.

Many straights who feel covertly or overtly threatened by crossdressers, argue that no transvestite can ever be a real or complete man. This is patently untrue. If anything, they are super-normal, yet fascinated by femininity and consequently better able to understand it.

Another common myth about crossdressers is that they are mentally sick and need professional help. However, transvestites have no greater proportion of mental problems than any other group in society. Most, in fact, lead successful lives as husbands, fathers and workers in their chosen occupation.

There are several theories as to why some men feel a deep emotional need to dress as a woman. According to authorities, almost all men periodically need to escape the incessant demands of being male, and some men do this by acting out their feminine side. In this role, for a short time, they can be passive, accepting and non-demanding rather than forceful, dominant and always striving for success.

Women who are married to or have relationships with crossdressers, if they can accept their man's transvestism, find the relationship deeply satisfying. They have a real man, and a man who understands women. As the saying goes, some of the most beautiful women in the world are men.

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A WIFE'S EXPERIENCE AT FANTASIA FAIR

by Flo N.

(Edited from the 'Outreach Newsletter',

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Outreach Institute, Box 368, Kenmore Sta., Boston, MA 02215)

For most of our 30-year married life I didn't know about my husband's crossdressing habit. On discovery of this four years ago, I was emotionally upset and didn't know where to turn for help. We finally found a good counselor who helped me overcome some of my difficulties in coping with my husband's behavior.

In 1982 he went to a social weekend program for crossdressers in Provincetown, and returned full of enthusiasm about his experience. He told me about Fantasia Fair, a nine-day living and learning vacation for crossdressers. He also said there would be a workshop for wives and girlfriends of crossdressers, which he wanted to attend and to which he invited me.

I was filled with mixed emotions about this decision. Our marriage was undergoing some "rough sledding" with a real possibility of divorce as an outcome. Further counseling was not helping us to resolve the complex issues in our relationship.

After much thought about it, weighing the pros and cons, I said I would attend only this 'Workshop For Wives', and when it was over I would return home. Penny (my hubby's femme name) purchased a plane ticket in advance for my departure, right after the Wive's Workshop.

Well, I went to this Workshop and met five other wives with similar experiences. This brought me "out of the closet". With Niela Miller, a professional Gestalt therapist and counselor, serving as a facilitator, each of us told our story. It was like removing a huge weight off our shoulders. The experience of sharing so personal an issue with other women who had similar problems was emotionally very satisfying.

Space does not permit me to detail the many facets of the Workshop. However I will summarize what the Workshop experience did for me:

1.) It clarified values and issues that were important for our relationship to continue.

2.) It made clear that we really did love each other (after 30 years of marriage).

3.) We set the stage to accept what can't be changed, and to negotiate priorities in our relationship.

4.) It enabled us to share Penny's secret habit with our three young adult daughters.

5.) It provided a healthy basis for real and meaningful communications between us.

6.) It allowed for a renaissance of our relationship.

To seal the new bonds of our time-tested marriage, we bought each other a second wedding ring as a reminder of this experience at Fantasia Fair.

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'GENDER' OR 'SEX' DYSPHORIA

by Susan C. Huxford

(Edited from 'Gender Review', a publication of FACT, Box 291 Station A, Hamilton, Ontario Canada L8N-3C8)

At the outset is is necessary to clarify the meaning of certain, rather loosely applied words and to establish some definitions.

The word 'dysphoria' is Greek in origin. The Oxford English Dictionary tells us that 'phoria' indicates 'feeling'. 'Euphoria' is therefore the feeling of well-being; 'dysphoria' is the feeling of discomfort, of uneasiness ("dis-ease").

It follows that:

*sex dysphoria is a feeling of uneasiness with one's sex.

*gender dysphoria is a feeling of uneasiness with one's gender.

'Sex' is one's physical and organic attributes (chromosomal, hormonal, anatomical) which react upon the senses.

'Gender' is one's sex role, i.e., the part that society expects one to play as the result of one's sex.

If these definitions are correct (i.e., semantically, sex v. gender), then the homosexual and the transvestite are at variance with society over their sex role. The homosexual desires sexual relations with members of his/her sex and the transvestite wants to dress as the other sex. both of these desires are anti-social, i.e., society disapproves. This is gender dysphoria, i.e., dissatisfaction with

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the sex role society expects them to play. It is a cultural phenomenon; some cultures do not disapprove of homosexuality or of crossdressing.

The transsexual is dissatisfied,not with his/hersex role exculsively, but with hes/her physical sex. The sex role is a mere adjunct to the physical dysphoria. This is sex dysphoria, not gender dysphoria.

The Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association states that: "Gender dysphoria refers to that psychological state whereby a person demonstrates dissatisfaction with their (correction: his/her) sex of birth and the sex role, as socially defined, which applies to that sex, and who requests hormonal and surgical re-assignment."

The definition confuses sex and gender. The confusion arises because the psychologist observing the transsexual applies society's norms: "Here is a physical male (female) acting the sex role of the opposite sex. He/she should be acting differently". Since sex role is, by definition, gender, the person is accordingly gender dysphoric according to the psychologist.

The sex role-playing is only the outward manifestation of a much deeper-seated dysphoria. The true transsexual is dissatisfied and uncomfortable with his/her physical sex. Since a given sex automatically presupposes a socially-acceptable sex role, the person who is in a state of dysphoria with his/her physical sex manifests this discomfort by acting out the role of the preferred sex. The clinician observing this manifestation sees an incongruous sex role (i.e., by definition, gender) and therefore says that the person is gender dysphoric.

Reductio ad absurdum: Since it is the sex role, or gender, that is dysphoric, therapy should be applied to make gender coincide with sex. Ergo, the homosexual should become heterosexual under therapy and the transvestite should be systematically desensitized to the attraction of female clothing.

Research at present indicates that this is not effective in the case of the transsexual, and not always effective in the case of the homosexual or the transvestite either.

It is true that the core gender is dissonant with the physical (anatomical, hormonal, chromosomal) sex, but it is with that same physical sex that the transsexual is dissatisfied and not the core gender and to change the physical sex so that the two are in harmony, and not vise versa.

In the case of the true transsexual it is being found that the only known effective therapy is to make the physical sex coincide with the manifested sex role, i.e. with gender. Such can only be attained by hormonal and surgical intervention and the patient is sex dysphoric, not gender dysphoric.

There should be no confusion between sex dysphoria and sexual dysfunction. The former has now been defined, the latter signified a malfunction of the sexual organs -- impotence, lack of arousal, failure to orgasm, etc.

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TRANSSEXUAL CIVIL RIGHTS

A document prepared by Joanna M. Clark of Joanna M. Clark & Associates, 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Dear Merissa:

Thank you for your interest in the Legal Research Project (LRP) and your

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request for information pertaining to the civil rights of persons medically defined as transsexual.

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Sex discrimination in employment may be either overt or covert. Overt discrimination exists where specific personnel policies deny equal employment opportunity on the basis of sex. Such policies may include establishment of different job qualifications for men and women performing identical or similar functions as other men or women, advertising job openings for men only or women only, or specific exclusion of transsexuals from employment opportunities.

Discrimination against the transsexual employee or job applicant is generally overt in nature, although occasional instances of covert discrimination my exist.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, prohibits discrimination in employment in Federal, State, and local government and in the private sector on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Unfortunately, recent court decisions at both the District and Appellate Court Levels have ruled that Title VII does not apply to transsexuals.

Examples of discrimination forbidden by Title VII include: maintenance of sex segregated classified advertising ("help wanted--male" and "help wanted--female"); establishment of different retirement ages for men and women (62 for women and 65 for men); maintenance of separate promotion ladders for men and women; or the refusal to treat pregnancy as a temporary disability. Discrimination based on "change of sex" rather than "sex" itself, as mentioned on the preceding page, is not covered by Title VII, however.

Case Law

Current Title VII case law involving effeminate males and/or transsexuals includes: Smith v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., Voyles v. Ralph K. Davies Medical Center, Holloway v. Arthur B. Andersen & Co., Powell v. Read's, Inc., Audra Sommers v. Budget Marketing, and Kirkpatrick v. Seligman & Latz, Inc.

In Smith, the court held that Title VII did not forbid employment discrimination based on "affectional or sexual preference" of the job applicant, despite the fact that the plaintiff was not characterized as a homosexual person but "effeminate."

In Voyles, the court expanded their non-applicability view to include both transsexuals and bisexuals. Plaintiff, a medical technician, informed defendant that she intended to undergo sex reassignment from male-to-female. She was dismissed on the ground that such a change might have a potentially adverse effect on co-workers and patients. She sued un the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for injunctive and monetary relief on the ground that the dismissal constituted sex discrimination under the Act. The District Court granted the defendant's motion to dismiss, stating that "situations involving transsexuals, homosexuals, or bisexuals were simply not considered [by Congress in passing the Act], and from this void the Court is not permitted to fashion its own judicial interdictions." This dismissal was upheld on appeal by plaintiff to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Court reached a similar decision in Holloway, wherein plaintiff, employed as a multilith operator, was dismissed after having informed her supervisor that she was undergoing treatment in preparation for sex reassignment from male-to-female. The Court granted the employer's motion to dismiss the suit, ruling once again that Title VII did not embrace transsexual discrimination. Again, the decision was affirmed on appeal. The

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crimination because of his or her sex, male or female, could state a cause of action under Title VII."

Court did, however, go on to rule that "a transsexual who claimed dis-

In Sommers, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals stated that transsexuals fired from their jobs are not protected by the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Miss Sommers was fired in April 1980 by Budget Marketing after working there for two days. When hired she told company officials that she had the anatomy of a woman. The company said she was fired because its office routine was disrupted because female employees threatened to quit if Miss Sommers was allowed to use their restroom.

While the court wasnot unmindful of the problem Sommers faces, they recognized the problem Budget faced in protecting the privacy interests of its female employees. An appropriate remedy was not immediately apparent to the Court. "Should Budget allow Sommers to use the female restroom, the male restroom, or one for Sommers' own use?" The issue before the Court, unfortunately, was not whether such an accommodation could be reached but, rather, whether Congress intended Title VII of the Civil Rights Act to protect transsexuals from discrimination. The Court held with the other Circuits that such discrimination is not within the ambit of the Act.

In Kirpatrick, the court found that plaintiff, a preoperative male-to-female transsexual terminated from employment for not dressing and acting as a man while at work, failed to state cause of action under 42 U.S.C.S. & 1985(3), where, under color of law, "plaintiff must allege that defendants' refusal to allow her to continue work while dressing and acting as a woman denied her equal protection, or equal privileges and equal immunities, and where there was no allegation that any other employees who were biologically men, were protected, privileged, or immune so as to have right to work while dressed and acting as women (or vice versa)." Further, the court went on to find that transsexuals "are not [a] suspect class for purposes of equal protection analysis and clearly there was rational basis for employer's requiring its employees who dealt with public to dress and act as persons of their biological sex since allowing employees to do otherwise would disturb customers and cause them to take their business elsewhere." It is believed that further attempts to litigate the transsexual plaintiff's right to employment, etc., under Title VII is tantamount to beating a "dead horse." It is suggested that the transsexual plaintiff might have more success under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

I sincerely hope the preceding information has been of value to you. If you have additional need for assistance please contact an attorney in your locale.

Sincerely,

Joanna M. Clark & Associates

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BOSTON:

TRANSSEXUAL SHOT DEAD

A 28 year old transsexual who was shot to death in the hallway of her Fenway apartment building was trying to stop two men from stealing her home video recorder, her roommate said.

"One of them came in and told me and Collette to get into the bathroom," said Ann Collins, whose roommate Collette Abbatte was gunned down Tuesday night in the fourth-floor hallway of 89 Park Drive apartment house.

"They ran out with the VCR and Collette ran after them. That's when I heard the shots and Collette came staggering back."

Police are still searching for the killers, who escaped down the building's back stairs wearing ski masks.

Neighbors of the victim, who

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underwent a sex change operation about three years ago and who neighbors said had been operating an escort service out of her home, said they heard a scuffle outside their apartments before the shots were fired.

"I heard a rumble out in the hallway and then I heard two pops," said a neighbor who lives on the same floor. "When I looked out my door she was laying there with two holes in her belly."

Abbatte's boyfriend, Frank Strazzula, was pistol-whipped by the two assailants after he caught them robbing a nearby apartment, police said.

When Abbatte went to investigate, the two thugs forced their way into her apartment, stole a video recorder, and shot her.

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CHICAGO:
PILOT WINS SUIT OVER SEX CHANGE

A federal judge found Eastern Airlines guilty of sex discrimination Wednesday and ordered it to rehire a former pilot who was discharged after undergoing a sex-change operation to become a woman.

Judge John F. Grady ordered the airline to reinstate Karen F. Ulane, a former Vietnam combat pilot, with back pay.

Grady said the airline's contentions that the pilot's presence in the cockpit posed safety hazards were "a pretext and sham of the first order."

Ulane, 42, sued Eastern in 1981 after the airline refused her request to return as a pilot.

Kenneth Ulane was a pilot for Eastern for 12 years after flying transport missions in Vietnam. After a leave of absence for the sex-change operation in 1980, Karen Ulane asked to be reassigned to pilot duties, but the request was refused.

Eastern claimed Ulane had a continuing psychological problem requiring follow-up medical care, so her condition posed a safety threat.

Her lawyer, Dean Dickey, charged that Eastern never tested her ability to work with other pilots. He claimed the airline had allowed a pilot who had molested children to fly while undergoing mental tratment. He also said the airline had allowed 30 recovering alcoholics who required follow-up care to fly.

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LONG ISLAND:
COPS SUSPEND SEX-CHANGER

An off-duty Long Island policewoman-who underwent a sex-change operation last year-was suspended from the force yesterday for pulling her gun during an argument with a bartender, police said.

Nassau County Police Officer Jennifer McCormick-once known as Officer Joseph McCormick- allegedly got into a dispute with bartender Lorenzo Bonifacio, 59, over the price of a drink at the Holiday Inn's Downstairs Lounge on Sunrise Highway in Rockville Centre shortly after midnight.

Police said McCormick, 41, who underwent the sex change last December, had been drinking in the bar for a while. During the dipute, she pulled her gun and shield and identified herself as a cop, police said.

Bonifacio told cops he grabbed the gun and a shot went off, hitting the bar. Bullet fragments struck Bonifacio in the right forearm. He was taken to South Nassau Community Hospital in Oceanside, where he was treated and released.

McCormick, of Valley Stream, was charged with assault and reckless endangerment. She was suspended without pay, pending disposition of the charges.

Nassau County District Judge Jerome Medowar yesterday set bail at $10,000.

McCormick, a 10-year veteran of the force, returned to work one month after the sex change. Police officials said most cops supported her decision to have the surgery.

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LONG ISLAND:
MAN DRESSED AS WOMAN TERMED ARSONIST

A 25-year old man who had dressed as a woman and worked as a hoursekeeper since 1977 has been charged with setting fire to his employer's house in

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Harbor Isle, L.I., according to the Nassau County police.

The suspect, identified as harold Slaughter of Jamaica, Queens, was arranged today in First District Court here. Judge William Steiffer ordered Mr. Slaughter-who wore a brown dress during the proceedings-held in $10,000 bail.

For the last three years he had worked as a housekeeper for Louise Rothblatt, who knew him as Laverne Spence. The police said Mr. Slaughter had been taking hormones in an effort to effect a sex change.

Mr. Slaughter is charged with setting fire to two bedrooms of Mrs. Rothblatt's home on Monday after they had an argument.

The police gave this account: Mrs. Rothblatt was on the second floor of her home at about 12:30 P.M. when she smelled smoke. She ran downstairs and found the housekeeper in a bathroom, holding a knife. The telephone wires had been cut.

Mrs. Rothblatt and the housekeeper fled the burning building, the housekeeper walked away while firemen from Island Park were putting out the blaze, which authorities said caused $80,000 worth of damage.

The police went to the housekeeper's last-known address and asked the woman who answered the door there if she had a daughter who lived with her. She told the police that she had no daughter, but that she had a son who impersonated women and had been working as a maid.

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CARTOON IDEAS AND ARTWORK WANTED:

Preferably the cartoons are drawn from your own experiences. The intention is to give us a chance to chuckle at ourselves. Please, no sexually oriented cartoons or artwork.

Send to: Liz Warburton, c/o TV-TS Tapestry, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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FICTION & NON-FICTION WANTED:

We are looking for good short stories that are tasteful, non-sexual, and well written.

We are also looking for well written editorials, poetry, personal profiles, personal experiences, how-to articles, and general information articles.

We are also looking for news items, entertaining short subjects, etc.

Send to: Delores Carter, c/o TV-TS Tapestry, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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NOTICE FROM TAMS

TAMS is planning a weekend 'en femme' in Canada. The cost would be approximately $100.00 for 2 nights and 5 meals. Other details are Pending.

For additional information write: TAMS, Box 1164 Station H, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G-2N1

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NOTICE FROM OUTREACH INSTITUTE

National Meeting of A.H.P -- The Association for Humanistic Psychology met in Toronto, Canada early this summer. Ariadne Kane and Niela Miller presented a 2-hour workshop on Androgyny, Intimacy & the Crossdressing Experience. Over 60 helping professionals from all poarts of the U.S. and Canada participated. It was a dynamic and experimental type of program and we succeeded in raising consciousness about how a crossdressing experience can provide for a better understanding of gender issues and open mindedness for a glimpse of the world of the androgyne.

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NOTICE FROM CROSSROADS CHAPTER

Crossroads now has a Board of Directors. The Board consists of Grace Bacon, Elaine Willey, Joanne Janiszewski, Alicia King, Shirley Richards, and Debbie Mitchell.

This marks the beginning of a new era for Crossroads. It has turned the Chapter from a benevolent dictatorship into a more representative form of administration. More people are involved now and more will get done--for the benefit of all of us.

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NOTICE FROM CHI CHAPTER

As a result of her personal meeting

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with Carol Beecroft, Donna Martin (Chapter Secretary) was offered and accepted the position of National Membership Director for Tri-Ess Sorority. donna's acceptance was based upon the expressed desire of CHI Chapter to assist Carol by removing some of her work load, to allow her more time for other Tri-Ess matters which only she can handle.

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TIFFANY CLUB BENEFIT:

This is Tiffany's 4th annual 'Oil & Electric Bill, Help Us Keep The Wolves From The Door' benefit. Normally at this time of year we are about $1000 behind on our utilities. This year is worse than normal. We depend on this benefit to help us through the winter, and this year we need your help more than ever.!

Contributions: $5.00 , $20.00, $50.00

At our Valentine's Party Saturday 2/18 we will be having a drawing for those that have contributed. We are offering: TWO FREE TRIPS TO OUR P-TOWN OUTING (transportation and most meals not included), and a selection of items donated by our commercial supporters and friends.

Procedure: You do not have to be present at the party to be eligible for the drawing. Just send us your contribution, and we will send you your ticket stubs with your name and number. Tickets will be drawn at Tiffany's Valentine's Party on 2/18. If you are not able to be present at the drawing, and your name is drawn, you will be notified.

(Items for the drawing wanted! These items can be anything - gift certificates, clothing, last year's christmas gifts, inflatable dolls, anything! The more good donations we have, the more fun we have at the party.) PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!!

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BUFFET DINNER: Saturday evening, March 10, 1984

This dinner is being coordinated with Outreach's Hasty Pudding Benefit. We encourage everyone to support Outreach by attending.

If you are unable to attend the Benefit, but would like to attend the dinner, you may. The fee for the dinner alone is $15.00.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Since the benefit does not include accommodations, the Tiffany Club has agreed to help coordinate accommodations. Tiffany will serve as a 'base of operations', a 'headquarters'. People will stay in local hotels, then come to Tiffany, then leave from Tiffany for the Benefit, then return to Tiffany for the buffet.

Recommended places to stay are at Tiffany (a place to 'crash'), the Red Roof Inn (Framingham MA), and the Holiday Inn (Waltham MA).

Questions: Call Merissa Sherrill Lynn (617)358-5575

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TIFFANY CLUB'S 4TH ANNUAL PROVINCETOWN OUTING:

May 30/31, June 1/2/3/4, 1984

Once again we will be using the Crown & Anchor, and the Chicago House (with the option of a number of other guest houses in case we get more people than we expect).

In order to accommodate more people, we have made a few changes.

First, we always have 20 or so people who want to come early. Also, it was suggested at the business meeting last Fall that we have a business conference at our Outing. To accommodate those who want to come early, and those who want a business conference, we will be offering a five-night six-day package.

Next, we will be offering our regular three-night four-day package. However, since we must commit ourselves to the Crown & Anchor, only those who will be signing up for the full Weekend

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will be accommodated at the Crown. (This does not affect those who are planning to stay the full time, but wish not to stay at the Crown.) (****Keep in mind that traditionally the most enjoyable and memorable day has been Sunday. In order to enjoy Sunday we have to rent the hotel for Sunday. That means even if you are planning to leave late Sunday, you should sign up for the full four days.)

Next, to accommodate those who must leave early Sunday, we are offering a two-night three-day package. (Please understand that to offer this package we must use the more expensive guest houses, and that is reflected in the price.)

FEES:

Five-nights Six-days (May 30 - June 4): Single Occupancy $260.00, Couples $270.00, Double Occupancy $210.00, Suite $345.00

Three-nights Four-days (June 1 - June 4): Single Occupancy $160.00, Couples $170.00, Double Occupancy $120.00, Suite $225.00

Two-nights Three-days (June 1-3, or June 2-4): Single Occupancy $140.00, Couples $150.00, Double Occupancy $110.00, (no suites available)

DISCOUNTS: We offer a 5% discount to members in good standing of approved non-profit TV/TS organizations. In addition, we offer a 10% discount if paid in full by 3/31/84.

DEPOSITS: A minimum of $50.00 deposit is required.

REFUNDS: Total refunds can be given prior to April 15, and 50% refunds prior to May 15. No refunds can be given after May 15.

PAYMENTS: All checks and money orders must be payable in U.S. Funds. Make all checks and money orders payable to: Tiffany Club. Upon receipt of your registration, you will be sent a letter of confirmation, and any other instructions you may need.

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ATTN: TRANSSEXUALS, AND PERSONS INTRESTED IN TRANSSEXUALISM:

Due to our growing Transsexual program, we are now compiling a separate mailing list of those persons who would like to be kept informed of upcoming programs and notices.

If you are interested in being kept informed, contact: Charlene Wanda M., c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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NEW TIFFANY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1984:

Patricia Anne Ashley, Joanne B., Virginia Hunt, Linda Johnston (Chairman), Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Kimberly Schreiber, and Patricia Wells. First alternate Delores Carter, second alternate Karen Varney, and third alternate Judy S.

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ROOMMATE WANTED:

Have apartment in Boston. Convenient to mass transportation. Looking for a TV to share expenses. Must be responsible!!

Contact: Lydia Lovett, c/o Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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If you enjoy being super buxom as a TV, then please write to: Susan Reynolds, P.O. Box 11160, Alexandria, VA 22312.

She is attempting to get together a group of TVs who enjoy being very buxom (private or public) who whould like to exchange letters, ideas, pictures, etc. with sisters who have a similar interest. This is not a "club", and there is no cost, butr rather just a sister who is trying to get together TVs who enjoy a common interest.

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INTRODUCING WHY? (We Help You)
New Help In Toronto Canada Area

This new group consists of concerned individuals with experience in counseling persons suffering from gender or sexual crisis, primarily transsexualism.

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The counselors are of various orientations -- i.e., heterosexual males and females; homosexual males and females; transsexuals, both pre- and post-operative male-to-females and female-to-males; and transvestites. They are also stable in their chosen ways of life. Thus they have the ability to understand where you are coming from and will be able to offer reasonalbe suggestions to help you in your particular circumstances.

How WHY? works: an extract from WHY? sheet no. 1.

> When an individual makes contact with a WHY? counselor -- either by telephone or mail -- the client will be asked if he or she would be willing to go through a series of consultations with counselors who could relate objectively to his or her circumstances. The number of consultations would depend on: 1.) the availability of counselors who could relate to the individual's problem, 2.) the seriousness of the individual's problem, and 3.) the availability of the individual for counsel. After a minimum of three consultations, the peer counselors involved would get together to discuss and analyze the details of the circumstance, consolidating options and possible solutions to the individual's crisis.
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> Should the person prefer to seek peer counsel through correspondence, an anonymous copy of his or her letter would be circulated to the counselors who could relate to that case. Options, and possible solutions would be discussed and analyzed, and an answer would be forwarded to the correspondent.
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> By these methods we feel we can avoid any biased or prejudiced opinions that might be offered with a one on one counseling session and achieve a better over-all view of the circumstance.

Because of their experience they can be of great help to persons in such difficulty.

The "We Help You" group can be contacted at:

WHY?, 335 Jarvis St, Unit #26, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5B-2C2
(416) 967-3405
(*Preferably by mail first)

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NOTICE FROM OUTREACH INSTITUTE:

On June 8, 1984, the Outreach Institute will sponsor a workshop/symposium on cross-gender behaviors in conjunction with the national meetings of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT), and the Society for Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS).

For additional informaction contact the Outreach Institute, Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 01778

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ERROR:

We neglected to include Cindy V. (CT) in the 'Contributors' list on page 2. Our apologies to Cindy, and our thanks for her photographic contributions.

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THANKS:

Our thanks go to Janet Linn Christon for her cartoons.

Unfortunately her cartoons arrived too late to give her proper recognition in the 'Contributors' list on page 2, but fortunately they did arrive on time to be included in the main text.

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Hi Everyone,

We are Linda and Sheila, and we are both TVs. We are introducing a new TV/TS newsletter.

This newsletter is being published as an aid to TVs and TSs everywhere. It will feature "How-to" articles, items for sale, personal ads, and current news and information important ot TVs and TSs.

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This newsletter will be published every two months. There will be no fee or annual dues to be paid. We will bear the cost for the envelopes and zeroxing fees, but we would like you to pay your own postage. If you like the idea of this newsletter, and you would like to receive every issue, please send us $1.00 to cover the postage for the next five issues.

To make this paper really work, we need all of your help by supplying us with information that we can share with the group. First of all, tell all your TV & TS friends about it. The first newsletter is being mailed to 95 gals, and our goal is to double that amount each issue. So, get busy and tell all your friends about it. All they have to do is request a copy by writing to us. The first copy is free, and if they want to receive it on a regular basis, they send us a dollar for the next five issues, and we will place them on our mailing list.

Second, send in to us TV & TS information that you see, hear, or read about that's new and important. If there are any TV/TS organizations or night clubs in your area, send us their names & addresses if possible, and we will make this information available to all.

For additional information contact: Linda K. Weinman and Sheila R. Reid, 160 Washington SE #35, Albuquerque, NM 87108

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LEE G. BREWSTER LEAPS INTO 1984 WITH NEW TV PARTY SCHEDULE:

By popular demand, Lee G. Brewster has agreed to schedule three more parties. The new dates will be Wednesday, Feb. 29th, Thursday, March 29th, and Friday, April 27th. Lee stated, "For only $12.50 a ticket you will be able to see or be one of the loveliest boys in town at our bargain bash. Slightly higher for those who don't purchase in advance as the price goes to $20 at the door (without a complimentary drink.) we even have a bargain hunter's price of only $30 for all three parties!"

The last three parties, in celebration of Lee's 15 years of service to the transvestite community, were smashing successes. Lee and the Mardi Gras staff played hostesses to a vast scope of TV types from the pleasingly passable, the delightfully pretty, to the alluringly glamourous. They came with beaux, wives, mistresses and girlfriends. Among Miss Brewster's many admirers and friends were Ms Holly Woodlawn and many well known figures of the TV Community.

These are a few of the comments about those sold out events: "What I always thought a TV Party would be like." "I have been to many parties in many cities, but this rivals the best for fun and friendship." "Lee's reputation is well deserved as you get your money's worth from one of her evenings."

Tickets for the new party dates are now available at the Mardi Gras Boutique or via mail. Call (212) 947-7773 for details.

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How to respond to a Personal Listing: 1.) If the address is given, write directly to that address.
2.) If the address is 'c/o Tiffany', follow these directions exactly: A.) Place your letter in stamped envelope. (No unstamped mail will be forwarded.) B.) Pencil in the name and state of the person to whom the letter is meant. (i.e. 'Merissa Lynn NH'. We need to be able to erase the identifying name and replace it with the forwarding name. Therefore, no letter with the identifying name in ink will be forwarded.) C.) Place that letter inside another envelope and mail to "Tiffany Club, P. O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

Who may advertise: Only subscribers, and members in good standing of the Tiffany Club may advertise.

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Send your check or money order (U.S. Funds) to: TIFFANY CLUB, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (New Hampshire)
Executive Sectretary Tiffany Club
Editor TV/TS Tapestry

SWM TV 6' 200 40, BA philosophy, athletically oriented (pro skier 8 years), ACBL life master, enjoy singing, and love the wilderness, flowers, health, happiness, peace of mind.

I'm a very caring persnn, and prefer tn work on behalf of others. I want tn meet people who also care about others. If you are a good soul, care about other people and are ready to help, let me knnw. I want to meet you. (P.S. Does anybody nut there play a good game of bridge?)

Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575

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AMANDA J (Central Cnnnecticut)
Member Tri Ess, GGA

MWM hetero TV 48, 5'9. Like music, museums, theater, nld cars and economics. I am pleasant, passable, prim and prnper when dressed. Prefer one-nnnne situations rather than large gatherings.

Amanda J (CT) c/o Tiffany

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CHARLENE WANDA M (New Hampshire)
Tiffany General Member

TS 33,5'7, 120, brunette, blue eyes. Interests include micro-computers, model railroads, sewing, music; indoor type person. Would like to establish friendships and correspondence with the TS Community.

Charlene M, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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AUDREY M (Central Massachusetts)
Secretary, Mayflower Society

MWM bi-TV, 48, 155, 5'10, nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, phntography, wnndworking. Wnuld like to have a few TV friends fnr casual get-togethers; freednm limited to weekdays 9-6.

N.M. c/o Box 66, Allston MA 02134

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JANET B. (S.E. Massachusetts)
Secretary, Halcyon Society of RI
Participant Tiffany's Weekend

SWM TV 32, 5'11 in stocking'ed feet. Cnnservative in dress & deed. Enjoys music, photography, computers.

"Our name 'Halcyon' implies our wishes for peace, happiness and prosperity for all our friends. Halcyon days indeed! Won't you come and join us?"

Janet B, c/o Halcyon Society, Box 143, North Kingston RI 02852

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PRISCILLA ANNE GREENE (Northern NY)
Member Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
Awarded F/F 'Miss Cinderella'

MWM 41, 5'6, size 12, quiet, friendly and active. Enjoys cooking, antiques, archaenlngy, outdnor life, making maple svrup, shopping, eating out and feminine things. I love to dance, go nut and I prefer the feminine side of my personality.

Will eventually respond tn all correspondence.

Priscilla G (N NY) c/o Tiffany

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JANICE HEUKLOM (S.E. Massachusetts)
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair

58, 5'6, 150, divorced. Enjnys country music, mnvies and nice restaurants. Wants tn meet other TVs to assist her in understanding herself.

Janice H (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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BARBARA D (Vermont)
Member Tri Ess

TV, 49, 6', 190, hetero, married. Enjnys movies, dancing, nice restaurants, and just getting out of the closet. Wnuld like to learn more on makeup and more polish on being femme.

Barbara D (VT) c/n Tiffany

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SANDRA ST. JOHN (Vermont)
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend

SWM Bi-TV, 54, 6'2, not unattractive (if you like tall girls), and pleasant personality. Enjoys cooking, gardening, sailing, raising sheep, and model railroading.

John E. Heath, Craftsbury VT 05826

Malinda Lee Anderson (WI)
(photo credit: Van James)

MALINDA LEE ANDERSON (Wisconsin)
Member Upper Midwest TV Network
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
1st Runner-up Miss Provincetown
TV, 33, wishes to meet gentlemen and competent TVs in the Midwest or Boston area. Have extensive TV experience. Main interests are erotica and the historical/cultural aspects of cross-dressing.
R. Peterson, Box 524, Lake Mills WI 53551

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JOANNE B (New Hampshire)
Tiffany Keyholder
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
Awards: Tiffany's 'Most Helpful', Tiffany's 'Friendship'.
Hetero TV 50's, 5'9, size 14, fun loving, pleasant. Enjoys golf, swimming, travel, bridge. Shy at first but would enjoy having an environment of other TVs around me. Would enjoy meeting other single TVs and TSs.
Joanne B, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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TERRI DOWNS (Nevada)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant DREAM, Shangri-La West
Auburn hair, grey eyes, size 16/18, 5'11, 170 lbs. Loves flying, country music and strings, is a book collector and history buff. Loves to dress. "Would love to meet other TV/TS girls and will take girls out to see Vegas. Will answer all. A picture is appreciated, but not necessary."
Terri Downs, Box 4116, N. Las Vegas NV 89030-0116

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RENEE CARROLL (Southeast CT)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant Tiffany's Weekend '82, Fantasia Fair, Shangri La, DREAM '83
SWM hetero TV, 40, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Also enjoy cooking, travel and outdoor pursuits, photography, and the feminine gender role.
Miss Renee Carroll, Box 231, Stratford CT 06497

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SUSAN C. HUXFORD (Ontario CAN)
Information distribution Canada
Executive Director FACT, Director GenderServe Counselling, Research and Educational Seravices.
Member SSSS, ABIGCA
TS (post-op), old enough to have retired, 6', talkative, didactic and may prove intimidating. Interested in interpersonal relationships, serious music, choral music (participation), trying not to be overworked.

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TERRI J (Western MA)
TS, 29, 5'8, brown hair, brown eyes, shy, self-conscious, and would like to meet and make friends with other TSs, TVs, and females who can help me to improve my mannerisms and makeup skills and go out in public dressed. I'm interested in wood working, movies, swimming, bowling, music, dressing, drives in the country and I have a good sense of humor. So If you're not doing anything, let's get together.
Terri J (W MA) c/o Tiffany

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LINDA S (Central Massachusetts)
Tiffany Keyholder
MWM TV, 27, 6', easy going, friendly, attractive, engineering student. Interested in boating, skiing, and especially interested in meeting other TVs from the Worcester MA area.
Linda S, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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ALICE J MILLARD (Northwest FL)
Information distribution Southeast U.S., Gulf Coast
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair
MWM hetero TV, 55, 5'11, with pleasant outgoing personality. Enjoys going out dressed, dining out visiting TV friends en femme, and having an active TV social life. Live in NW Florida (winter) and central NY State (summer). Accepting wife who welcomes friendships with TV married couples. Eager to make, and correspond with, new friends of similar interests such as bridge, travel, dancing, genealogy and investment strategies.
Alice J. Millard,
or Box 264, Cooperstown NY 13326 (summer)

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LAURA LYONNS (Montreal Can)
Member TAMS
Fun loving TS who passes well, eventually plans to shed the 'Victor' portion of her Victor/Victoria personality. "I'm 28, 5'8,140, and my interests include up-to-date fashion styles, female impersonation, media and dance. I would like to get to know, and possibly meet with, other TSs - it's lonely out there! Also this 'Tootsie' would like to roll with any TVs who can pass as well as Dustin Hoffman's 'Dorothy Michaels'."
Laura Lyonns, c/o TAMS, Box 1164, Station H, Montreal Quebec, H3G-2N1

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MARCI DESCHAMPS (Boston MA)
WM hetero TV, 6'4, 34, blonde, into technological things. Enjoys bicycling, anything outdoors. "I have many interests and feel crossdressing allows me to express a part of me that is special. I would enjoy going out in public dressed with someone; I do so on my own now."
Marci Deschamps (MA) c/o Tiffany

ELLEN S (Oregon)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Corresponding Secretary for NW Chapter GGA
Participant DREAM '78,'80,'83
Grande Dame DREAM '83
Hetero TV, early 50's, 5'11. Enjoy music (big band era) and traveling. Would like to meet sisters and discuss mutual interests in feminine subjects.
Ellen S., c/o NWGGA, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

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KIM SCHRIEBER (Eastern MA)
Tiffany/Tapestry Staff
Participant DREAM, Tiffany's Weekend
Blonde, blue eyes, 40, 5'11, 155, lifetime TV, attractive, pleasant, well-educated. Enjoys skiing, most outdoor activities.
Kim Schrieber, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

MAXINE MCDONALD (Texas)
Information distribution, Texas
Participant Fantasia Fair
6'4 in heels (big broad), 53, maybe reserved, long hair (hate wigs), straight, dress down - not up. Interests include broadcasting, audio/video production, computers, theatre pipe organ & old moviehouses - Fantasia Fair siance 1979. "I don't like closets, enjoy getting out dressed - even tho I don't pass (but no hassles) - an hour dressed is a good hour."
Will provide information for my area, but am absolutely dreadful at answering personal mail - really!
Maxine McDonald, Box 31171, Dallas TX 75231

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SUSAN REYNOLDS (Virginia)
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Partiacipant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
45, 5'8, reasonably passable, very active in the TV scene, active correspondent with many of the TV sisters. Enjoys sports cars, photography, hunting/fishing. "Very much enjoy the TV scene. The sisters I have met tend to be super people, we have interests beyond our cross dressing. I wish to be considered as a reserved, poised woman!"
Susan Reynolds, Box 11160, Alexandria VA 22312

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BOBBIE GARNER (Southern CA)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
5'5, 145, 27, submissive TV
B. Garner, 3043 Grandview Bvl, Los Angeles CA 90066 (213)398-6600

VIRGINIA HUNT (E. Massachusetts)
Tiffany Keyholder
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
Co-director of Tiffany's TS support group.
Pre-op TS, 40, 5'6, 150, attractive and passes well. Enjoys dancing, and long drives. Is a country girl at heart. Would like to correspond with other TSs and interesting people.
Virginia Hunt, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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JUDY LEIGH S (Northeast MA)
Tiffany General Member
Married TV, 45, 5'4, pleasant, shy. I enjoy all sports & travel & dance music, plus just having a good time with good friends. I like to get dressed & go for rides to visit other friends.
Judy S. c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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*(*** Niela is a counselor and educator who has done individual and couples counseling with TVs as well as support groups for wives and TV couples for both the Tiffany Club and the Outreach Institute. Niela has been doing consulting, teaching and counseling for fifteen years, and is President of People-Systems Potential, a company specializing in organizational development, training design and personal/professional consulting.)*

DEE DEE W (Hartford CT)

I'd like the girls at Tiffany
Who like to write,
To write to me.
A photograph, a kindly note
Will make me say,
"I'm glad she wrote."
Dee Dee W (CT) c/o Tiffany

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JERI EMM (Southeast NY)

TS, 5'8, 51', pleasant, sentimental, reasonably attractive, interesting. Enjoys music (professional entertainer), travel, ladies fashions, theater groups, mountain climbing, hiking, woodworking & photos. Would very much love to hear from members with same or similar interests. Also would like to meet more people with same interests.

Jeri M (SE NY) c/o Tiffany

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BOBBIE WHITE (Eastern MA)

Tiffany General Member

SWM human being, 27, 130, 5'9, attractive. Enjoys high fashion, soft rock, computers, and would like to meet other TVs or TSs around my age in the E. MA. area.

Bobbie White, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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BARBARA B (Long Island NY)

Member GGA

Participant Tiffany's Weekend

MWM TV, 41, 5'9, slim, pleasant, discreet, passable (I'm told). Enjoys fashinn, all kinds of music, dancing, parties, penpals, and especially enjoys learning to be more feminine.

Would enjoy writing to and meeting other sensible sisters.

Barhara B (LI NY) c/o Tiffany

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RENEE ERIKA CLARK (Southern NY)

MWM hetero TV, 43, 5'6, attractive. Enjoys hunting, fishing, reading, archery, high heels and dressing feminine.

Renee C (S NH) c/o Tiffany

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ELAINE WILLEY (Michigan)

Information Distribution Upper Midwest

Membera Tri Ess, Albany TVIC, Crossroads, Paradise Club. (Involved in the leadership of the latter two groups.)

Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend

Awarded F/F 'Miss Femininity'

Hetero TV (possiblv TG), 48, single. Interested in classical music (especially npera), hi-fi, fashion, psycholngy, and philosnphy. "I do not seek extensive personal correspnndence, but will answer requests for information and will meet with people in my area who wish to attend meetings."

Elaine Willey, c/o Crnssroads, Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501

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CHERYL A. MCBRIDE (Northern NY)

Information distribution for N. NY

Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC

MWM TV, 32, 5'7, 145. Pass well, and attractive. Enjoys X-C skiing, camping year round, photography, music, dancing, lively parties meeting people. "I love going out in public! Want to help others to learn to accept themselves and to be a woman without guilt." Will answer all letters.

Cheryl A. McBride, Box 6047, Albany NY 12206

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TAMARA M (Portland ME)

SWM TV, 50, 6', submissive. Enjov music and crossdressing. Interested in living as a TV as much as possible & meeting other TVs that could assist in makeup training etc.

Tamara M (ME) c/o Tiffany

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KAREN V (Eastern MA)

Tiffany General Member

SWM hetero TV, 38, 5'8, 155, good personality and sense of humor. Adventouress. "A classical music nut, Ialso enjoy card & word games, karate (hlack belt),skiing, and gourmet food. I would like to meet women who share some of these interests and are open minded ahout the cross dressing scene.

Karen V, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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LEE ARSNAL (Central ME)

Member Albany TVIC

MWM 5'10, 175. Enjoys jogging, skiing, hunting, fishing, motorcycles, and also indoor sports. Wants to learn more about being a woman. Would love to correspond with others who share her interests. Will answer all.

Lee Arsnal (ME) c/o Tiffany

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CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER (Central CT)

SWM hetero TV 52, 5'10, quiet, not pushy, very understanding, lives alone. Enjoys dressing as a female, meeting TVs and especially females for girl talk, etc, going out in public, and country music. "Would like very much to meet a true female, who would enjoy going out in public as two girls. Told by others that I pass very well. (P.S. During summer months I'm sorry I do not have time to dress very often.)"

Carla E. Goldsnider, 3741 South st., Coventry CT 06238 (would appreciate photo with 1st letter)

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MARILYN ANN MURRAY (Western NY)

Member GGA, Albany TVIC, Shangri La

TV/TS, 33, 5'8, single. Enjnys water skiing, fishing, hunting, oil painting, tennis, horseshoes, canoeing, & swimming. "I like to dress in skirty dresses and hi heels and just being Marilyn as much as I can. Just a cnuntry girl."

Ms Marilyn Ann Murray, Box 134, Maple Springs NY 14756

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SHEILA KIRK (W. Pennsylvania)

Member Albany TVIC, Paradise Club

Participant Poconos Weekend

SWM TV, 48, 6'. Dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing. Attractive - I'll be more so when I lose 20 lbs. I love music and literature - I wnrk very hard so moments of relaxatinn and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV and I'm anxious to meet many others who delight in the same feelings.

Sheila K (W. PA) c/o Tiffany

Kay Gould (CA)
(photo credit: Van James)

KAY GOULD (Northern CA)
Member GGA, Tri Ess
MWM TV, 35, 5'9. Attractive high-fashion dresser. Enjoys going out for evenings, music, opera, ballet, movies. Enjoys high fashion style shopping, and being treated as all-woman by my escorts. Enjoys old-fashioned male courtesies when accompanied. Travel to many cities in U.S. and Asia, and look forward to meeting TV sisters or escorts.
Ms Kay Gould, Box 255, Sacramento CA 95802 (916)452-1476

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PAT C. (New Hampshire)
BiWM, 30, attractive, slim, bearded, intelligent. Enjoys jazz, Japanese art, germane conversation. "I would like to meet attractive, feminine TV/TS's for fun."
Pat C. (NH) c/o Tiffany

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JOAN V (Boston MA)
"I would like to dress more, and meet someone with whom I could dress (preferably in the Boston area). I'm told I'm good looking. Please contact me.
Joan V (Boston) c/o Tiffany

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MARY D. SULLIVAN (Boston)
TV, possible TS. Tall, caring, warm,good sense of humor. Likes to go out. Enjoys movies, plays, sports, comedy & exercise. "I would like to meet friendswho like all of the above, & who would give me as much encouragement as I with them. *Would also like transportation to Tiffany's. Will share expenses."
Mary Sullivan, c/o Tiffany

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RUTH S (Northeast MA)
MWM TV 28 5'11, 155. "I've been crossdressing on my own for 15 years and want my natural femme to germinate now that I've found friends. My interests include hiking, canoeing, sailing and the arts. Love to hear from you and especially seek advice on telling my wife. I'd be interested in getting out of doors for a first meeting since the Club functions are hard to make.
Ruth S (NE MA) c/o Tiffany

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VERONICA W (Boston MA)
SWM bi TV, 5'7, 25. Enjoys music, theater, literature. Is looking forward to meeting others at Tiffany.
Veronica W (Bos MA) c/o Tiffany

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BARBARA MILES (Eastern MA)
WM, TS, 6'2", 35, attractive. Enjoys fashion, skiing, being a total woman. "I would like to meet other TVs or TSs on a one to one basis to share mutual interests, and love of the female side of me.
Barbara Miles, Box 68, Needham, MA 02192

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MELISSA S. (Southeast MA)
MWM, 6'2", good looking, well proportioned, 37, educated. Love sheer lingerie, high heels and just being a woman. "I seek correspondence and/or meeting with understanding females who can assist me with make-up,clothes selection, any basic support, etc., during my new transition."
Melissa S (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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DEE G (Central CT)
MWM TV, 35, 6', slim and attractive, honest and outgoing. Likes outdoor activities whatever they may be, with some indoor activities thrown in for spice. Would enjoy meeting friends of Tiffany as I travel a lot.
Dee G (Ct) c/o Tiffany

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KATHY HIVISH (Northeast PA)
Information distribution NE PA
Member GGA (Director of NE PA Chapter), Albany TVIC
Participant Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
MWM, pre-op TS, 34, 5'18, big beautiful woman! Into the lost art of writing letters. Dedicated to helping others in our paraculture; seeking comparable position in newspaper publishing as Kath, presently working part-time in time-sharing sales.
Ann Marie, my spouse, is willing to talk to other wives or girlfriends.
Kathy Hivish, Box 268, Dallas PA 18612 (717)675-2585 (6-10pm)

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SANDRA JEAN BROWN (Cape Cod)

MWM bi/asexual, pleasant, 5'10,180, 54 with greying hair, masculine. Enjoys music, reading, boating, and would like to look into fashion. "On the surface I am all male, but underneath a woman is hidden from the world. I am lonely for my own kind. I would like to meet TVs here on the Cape in my area to get together for crossdressing and discussion."

Ms Sandra Brown, P.O. Box 357, Harwich, MA 02645

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DIANE MARIE VEE (Northeast MA)

Tiffany General Member

MWM, hetero TV, 34, 5'5, attractive, sensative and discreet, and does care about others. A life long TV who has undergone the usual ups and downs of being a TV. Is interested in perfecting her female image, particularly through make-up. "I play tennis and work out regularly. I am interested in meeting those who are accomplished TVs and would ultimately like to go out in public dressed."

Diane Marie Vee, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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WINNIE BRANT (Northern New York)

Member Albany TVIC

Participant Fantasia Fair, DREAM

Hetero TV, 52, 6'2, a lady. Have many interest, scientific and culturally oriented. Love to travel.

Mr Winton Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301

SHERRY LORRAINE (Eastern MA)

Tiffany Keyholder member

Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Outing '83

WM, 38, red hair, blue eyes, 5'9 in heels, fair complexion and an easy going personality. Enjoys motorcycle touring, skiing, computers, walks along the ocean, and dancing. "I enjoy passing in public, making new friends, traveling, shopping and girl to girl chants on makeup, dress and mannerisms."

Sherry Lorraine, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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JEAN DANE (Virginia)

Member GGA, Tri Ess, Outreach, BLI

Participant Fantasia Weekend (Washington DC)

MWM, 5'11, 145. Can pass as a middle-aged woman. Enjoys travel, parties, meeting people, shopping, and going to restaurants while dressed. Have recently begun to spread my wings, after a long period in the closet. Would like to contact and meet with other TV/TSs, especially in the Washington DC area.

Ms Jean Dane, Box 15401, Arlington VA 22215

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DANIELLE D (Southern NH)

Pre-op TS, 5'11, 150, 30. Interests include music (hard rock and blues), sports, and good times with good friends. Would like to establish friendships and correspondence with TS community.

Occupant, Box 7125, Nashua, NH 03060

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JENNIFER DENOVA (Northern MA)

Tiffany General Member

SWM TV, 26, cute, easy going, brown hair & eyes, nice legs. Love music all kinds, dancing, honest conversation, chic clothes, meeting other TV/TS. Would like to meet TV/TS all over the country. "We all have things in common and need each other. Lets go out and paint the town. I'm ready."

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Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend, Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend
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Holly Cross, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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EVELYN BORDON (Kansas)
Member Tri Ess
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Evelyn B (KS) c/o Tiffany

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JENNIFER B. (Central MA)
Member Tri Ess
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83
5'6, 24, 110, attractive, pleasant, charming TV, good dancer, dark medium hair. Enjoys cooking, ballroom dancing, theatre, movies, bowling, and reading TV books. "The feminine must be expressed if the body and mind are to be whole."
Ms Jennifer B., P.O. Box 553, Holden, MA. 01520

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KIM STEVENS (Illinois)
Member GGA
SWM hetero TV, 6', 35, 170, college, sincere, friendly, cheerful, down to earth. Enjoys music, photography, movies, fashion, make-up and wigs. Interested in corresponding and meeting with other TVs and TSs, both to learn from them and to share my experiences.
Kim Stevens, Box 817, Oak Lawn IL 60454 (Include photo, will answer all)

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BOBBIE B (South Shore MA)
SWM, 47, bi, enjoy lingerie. Easy going, good looks, trim build, would like to hear from other TV/TSs. Will answer all.
Bobbie B (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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SARA LEE ROBERTS (Central MA)
Hetero TV, 43, 5'8, attractive, pleasant, quiet. Enjoys music, high fashion, and cooking (especially with natural foods). Would like to correspond and possibly meet people with similar interests.
Sara Lee Roberts, c/o Tiffany

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DIANA LALINDE (Staten Island NY)
Member Tri Ess
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83
Hetero crossdresser, Hispanic, 35. Enjoys photography, cooking, traveling. Is interested in finding someone who is really interested in gender reversal roles.
Diana Lalinde,

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SHARON MC. (Southeast MA)
Tiffany Club General Member
Participant, Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 30, 5'6", 140. Enjoys everything feminine. "I'm shy but trying to be more open, especially with my crossdressing. I'm a non-drinker. I'm looking for the help and support of the TV/TS Community to better understand mysle, and would like to meet other TVs & TSs and women for shopping, travel, photos and fun."
Sharon Mc., c/o P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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MWM, hetero TV, 35, 6'1, 195, outgoing personality, PhD candidate in engineering, little "public" TV experience. Enjoys skiing, scuba diving, travel, art, music, reading, theater, photography, cooking, hockey. "I truly enjoy my femme side but my wife does not approve. I'm open to new ideas and look forward to establishing new friendships and expanding my horizons."
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TV, mid 20's, 5'11, 140. Enjoys high fashion, new wave music, movies, coin collecting, TV social scene. "I seek open-minded people to correspond with, as well as meet. All letters answered. Only sincere people need reply.
Andrea Butler, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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SUSAN A (Southeast MA)
Participant Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 36, 5'7, considered attractive and passable. Enjoys collecting female clothing,especially lingerie. Would love to meet others with similar interests in Boston/South Shore area.
Susan A (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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Denise W (Boston) c/o Tiffany

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SUSAN J (Northern MA)
Tiffany General member
SWM hetero TV, 29, 6'1, great sense of humor, honest, caring & somewhat attractive. Enjoys the outdoors, skiing, sports, & fun.
Susan J, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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Member GGA
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Marion B (LA) c/o Tiffany

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MURIAL E. (Delaware)
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BECKY BUCHANAN (Philadelphia PA)
Member Phi Chapter CCA
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83
SWM, hetero TV, 25, 5'10, 160,quiet. Enjoys art, and the movies. "I'm looking forward to meeting many of my sisters and especially those near my own age who pass easily and would like to go out dressed with me."
Becky Buchanan (PA) c/n Tiffany

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HELEN T (Southern NH)
Tiffany Ceneral Member
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
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BELLE D (Northeast MA)
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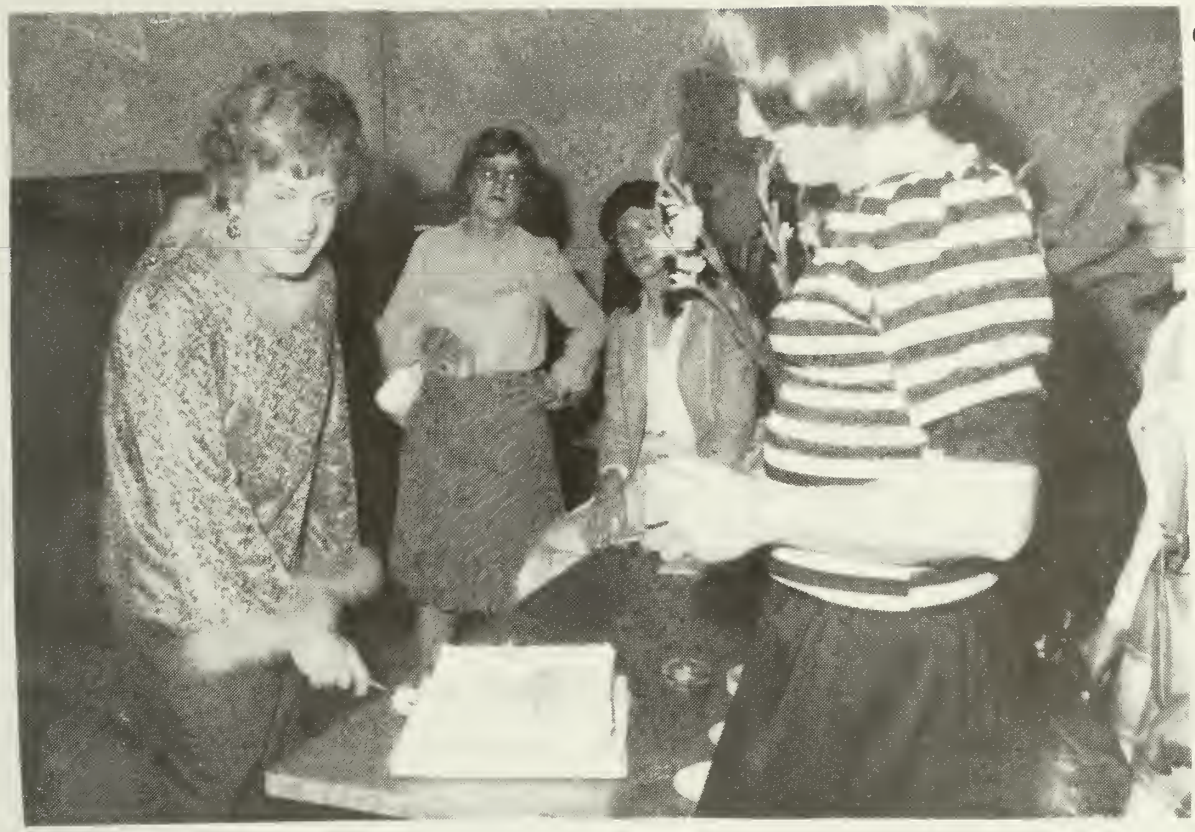

A LETTER FROM DENISE STARR

Dear Joyce,

Please do not send me a flyer for your April 14, 1984 Birthday Party at the Dancing Oasis. I can't take your Birthday flyers. You make it sound like the whole TV-TS population of the U.S.A. attends. I admit it is always our largest party but you pour it on too thick. You also word the flyers so that everybody knows they have to attend;you don't have to do that, Joyce. You're America's foremost crossdresser and everyone wants to come. I suggest that this year you make it $10.00 in advance with unlimited liquor and a complete food spread. Count me in -- I'll be there.

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Next, we will be offering our regular three-night four-day package. However, since we must commit ourselves to the Crown & Anchor, only those who will be signing up for the full Weekend will be accommodated at the Crown. (This does not affect those who are planning to stay the full time, but wish not to stay at the Crown.) (****Keep in mind that traditionally the most enjoyable and memorable day has been Sunday. In order to enjoy Sunday we have to rent the hotel for Sunday. That means even if you are planning to leave late Sunday, you should sign up for the full four days.)

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